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GENERAL BOOTH REFUSES.

WIFE'S DRAMATIC RUN TO SUNBURY.

OVER HUNDRED MILES BY CAR THROUGH SNOWSTORM.

LEADER'S CHALLENGE.

London, Jan. 15.
The tense dramatic atmosphere that has marked the Salvation Army conflict regarding the illness of General Booth and the future leadership of the organisation, was increased to-day when it became known that the reply of the sick leader to the High Council's request for his retirement, a definite refusal, was delivered to Sunbury Court in remarkable circumstances.

The message, so important to the Salvation Army, was carried from Southwold to Sunbury-on-Thames by Mrs. Booth, the wife of General Bramwell Booth, who travelled the whole way by motor-car.

Leaves Before Dawn.

The distance is at least 120 miles and in order to be present at the appointed time, Mrs. Booth was obliged to leave Southwold before dawn.

When the car started, a fierce snow-storm was raging and it continued for a large part of the journey, the roads being greasy and dangerous.

Although the strictest secrecy was maintained at Sunbury Court regarding the nature of the reply, it soon became known that it consisted of a firm refusal to retire.

In this respect, the forecasts of the London newspapers have proved accurate. Dr. Hart endeavoured to effect a compromise yesterday, by inviting the General to agree to the creation of a new rank, that of a Field-Marshal, to which the General would be promoted, leaving a younger person to occupy the arduous post of General.

High Council's Task.

General Booth's inability to depart from a flat refusal to retire, appears to have been dictated by the avowed purposes for which the High Council have been called to Sunbury.

It will be recalled that Commander Eva Booth, the head of the Salvation Army in the United States, and sister of the General, has long been an advocate of the reform of the constitution, and issued a statement to the following effect:

"I face the onerous responsibility, laid upon me together with my five American commissioners, of representing the United States on the High Council of the Salvation Army, consisting of 63 delegates from all parts of the world, which assembles on January 8 in London. The task allotted to the Council is to harmonise the present constitution of our organisation with a broader form of government, which will put into force a long-looked-for measure of reform, increasing both individual and collective responsibility for the salvation of the bodies and souls of men."

"I am confident the deliberations of the Council will result in a clearer vision of world demands and a keener perception of our opportunities."

General's Attitude.

General Booth's attitude is revealed by an exclusive statement to Reuters, in which the General emphasises "that the Founder of the Salvation Army (his father) instituted the powers under which the High Council could be called. The sole purpose of a High Council can be the turning out of office of a General who is spiritually unfit, and electing a successor if that is done, or if, for any other reason, there should be no General."

General Booth declares emphatically: "Legally, the High Council has absolutely no power even to propose, let alone make any changes in the Constitution." The High Council adjourned without coming to any decision this evening, after discussing all day long General Booth's reply to their request for his retirement. *Reuter and British Wireless.*

KING MAKES MORE PROGRESS.

TWO FAVOURABLE BULLETINS IN SUCCESSION.

THE PALACE BRIGHTER

London, Jan. 15.
A brighter air prevailed at the Palace to-day following medical assurance that Her Majesty the Queen has practically recovered from her chill, and that the King's youngest son, Prince George, is also on the way to complete health.

The news regarding His Majesty is favourable, though it is emphasised that any progress reported is very slight.

A bulletin issued from the Palace at eight o'clock this evening stated:

"The King has had a quiet day. The progress previously noted, though slow continues. The next bulletin will be issued on Thursday morning."

The bulletin is good. It is the first for some time that has reported continued progress. For some time past, His Majesty's condition has remained stationary. The fact that two bulletins in succession have noted progress may give hope that progress will be steadier in future.

The interval before the issue of the next bulletin shows that the doctors do not anticipate any great change.

Regarding the reports of the supply of milk from Holland, which occasioned some surprise, the truth is now explained by a statement to the effect that the consignment from Amsterdam was immediately distributed among the poor.

It is now pointed out that such gifts have been made wholly on the initiative of the donor. Milk for the King is being supplied by His Majesty's own farms.—*Reuter.*

THE UNEMPLOYED STATISTICS.

LATEST RETURNS SHOW A DECREASE.

London, Jan. 15.
Following the heavy increase of 249,500 in the number of unemployed in the last week of December, the return for the week ended January 7th shows a decrease of 68,130.

The total, on the date named, was 1,452,600, which is 220,531 more than the year before.—*British Wireless.*

STRINGENT SOVIET METHODS.

ANTI-REDS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Riga, Jan. 15.
After a long trial at Kieff, of twelve villagers accused by the Soviet of anti-revolutionary activities, a verdict of guilty was returned against all.

Sentence of death was passed on five of the accused, the remainder being committed to prison for terms ranging from eight years downwards.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE.

DESTROYERS & SUBMARINES AUTHORISED.

Paris, Jan. 15.
The Chamber after a brief debate unanimously passed a Bill providing for the construction this year of one cruiser, six destroyers and six submarines.—*Reuter.*

PERU & THE LEAGUE.

PAYING OFF PART OF HER ARREARS.

Geneva, Jan. 15.
The Government of Peru has sent the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, a cheque for \$16,000 in payment of her contribution for 1923, and part of her arrears since 1920.—*Reuter.*

SHIP SINKS OFF WAGLAN.

APPALLING DISASTER IN EARLY HOURS OF MORNING.

"Hsin Wah" Hits Rock & Founders With Loss Of Nearly 400 Lives.

ONLY TWENTY-FIVE SURVIVORS.

An appalling disaster, probably the worst in local history, occurred in the early hours of this morning off Waglan Lighthouse, the China Merchants' s.s. Hsin Wah, striking a rock and sinking within an hour, with the loss, it is feared of nearly 400 lives.

One of the finest of the China Merchants' fleet, the Hsin Wah was coming into harbour round about three o'clock in the teeth of a gale and heavy seas. The Waglan light-keeper sighted her to the eastward, and observed that she was taking a course which would bring her too close to the Northern end of Waglan.

The vessel struck a rock at approximately 3.40 a.m. and sent out distress signals.

No immediate assistance could be rendered and the vessel sank at 4.45 a.m.

In spite of the clear hour's warning, it appears from a graphic story related by one of the survivors, that only one boat succeeded in getting away from the doomed craft.

This was boat No. 3 into which swarmed the boatswain, and twenty-one others, including fifteen members of the crew and four passengers. The boat was scarcely clear of the Hsin Wah before the steamer foundered.

Buffeted by angry seas, the men in the life-boat had an anxious time, but were eventually picked up by a fishing junk.

The skipper of the s.s. Hsin Wah was Captain M. P. Jensen, well-known on the China Coast and he and three other European officers, are believed to have lost their lives in the disaster.

The Hsin Wah was carrying a crew of 103 and passengers totalling over 300, including 30 women and many children. Only four of the passengers have been saved.

Later.

It is learned that the Chief Officer, Mr. Peter Jacobsen has been picked up by a fishing junk, and with two other survivors taken to Aberdeen.

CREW HELPLESS IN ANGRY SEAS.

The Hsin Wah, a steamer of about 2,000 tons, left Swatow for Hongkong shortly before noon yesterday. Throughout the trip down to Hongkong, it is learned, the vessel encountered rough seas, and a gale was blowing at three o'clock this morning as she approached Hongkong Harbour.

The Second Officer, a Chinese, was on watch with the master, Capt. M. P. Jensen, below, taking a well-earned rest.

As the steamer, then unidentified, was approaching Waglan Lighthouse from the eastward, the light-house-keeper noticed that her course was taking her too close to the northern end of Waglan, where it is exceedingly rocky.

At 3.40 a.m., according to an official message from Waglan, the Hsin Wah grounded.

Distress signals were sent up and continued for the next half an hour, though the vessel went astern and got off the rocks soon after striking.

Ship Founders.

She made slow progress to a quarter of a mile inside Waglan, still sending up distress signals at 4.15 a.m. What happened in the next half an hour it is impossible to ascertain, but it is definitely stated from Waglan that the vessel foundered at 4.45 a.m. within 300 yards of the north-west side of the island.

Wireless messages were being sent out from the Lighthouse from the time the doomed vessel struck, and we learn that the Taikoo tug was despatched to the scene at about 4.30 a.m. arriving at Waglan at dawn. Nothing was to be seen except floating boxes and wreckage, and the Hsin Wah was entirely submerged, though on the east side of the vessel became visible when the tide was on the ebb.

The area was searched by the Taikoo tug, but no trace of any survivors was found. An attempt was made to land at Waglan, but the heavy seas rendered this impossible.

One Boatload Rescued.

It was feared at one time that the vessel had sunk with all on board, but it was revealed on the arrival of a fishing junk at Shaukiwan that just one boat had managed to get away from the wreck and that about 22 persons had been saved.

The Hsin Wah was carrying four European officers, though the names of all cannot now be ascertained.

The master, Capt. M. P. Jensen, the Chief Engineer and the Second Engineer are believed to have been drowned.

Chief Officer Saved.

It was also believed that the Chief Officer, Mr. Peter Jacobsen, had suffered a similar fate, but a message received at one o'clock this afternoon, stated that Mr. Jacobsen, an Estonian, and two Chinese male passengers, had been picked up by a fishing junk after swimming and clinging to wreckage for several hours, and were now safe at Aberdeen.

The magnitude of the disaster is more easily imagined than described. There were over four hundred persons on board the lost ship, including thirty women and a number of children. None of the women and children have been saved, while it also seems fairly certain that practically all the male passengers also died.

Upturned Boat.

A late report states that rafts have been sighted off Poo Tye Island, while Waglan has wirelessed a message to the effect that an upturned boat has been observed,

with, they think, a Chinese clinging on.

Rescue from Waglan has been prevented owing to the heavy weather.

No. 4 Police launch is now on the scene and with Harbour Office craft is engaged in a vigorous search of the vicinity in the hope that other survivors will be found. Great hope is not held out owing to the severe gale, and their reports will not be available until later this afternoon.

A graphic story is given below concerning the only boat which succeeded in getting away from the doomed craft. This was manned by the boatswain, fifteen members of the crew and four passengers.

The Bo'sun's Story.

Sixteen of the crew and four Chinese passengers are amongst the survivors, who managed to save themselves by the prompt launching of a life-boat.

Tossed about in a gale-swept sea, they drifted for an hour after clearing away from the sinking vessel, and were on the point of going under, as their frail bark capsize, when they were aided by a passing fishing boat and rescued.

The fishing boat took the 20 survivors to Shaukiwan and handed them over to the Water Police, by whom they are now being lodged at the Station at Tsimshatsui.

Without exception these men speak the Ningpo dialect, and the only coherent account that could be obtained by a *Telegraph* reporter of what happened, was from the ship's bo'sun.

In broken English, this man stated that he was in charge of the No. 3 Lifeboat of the Hsin Wah. A gale with big seas running were the conditions in which the Hsin Wah found herself when approaching the waters of the Colony in the early hours of this morning.

Driven on Rocks.

It was at about 20 minutes to 4 a.m. that the calamity happened. The ship was then in the charge of the Second Officer, a Chinese named Kwok, whose watch was from 12 to 4 a.m.

With the gale directly behind her, the ship was driven on to a group of rocks north of Waglan Lighthouse. They were not aware of the danger, and the ship struck the rocks with a suddenness which appears to have taken those aboard by surprise.

Being in charge of the No. 3 Lifeboat, the bo'sun explained to the reporter, his first natural thought was to launch the boat. In this he was assisted by fifteen of the crew who had already donned life-belts.

Only Four Passengers.

The boat being lowered, the fifteen men got into it, and they were followed by four Chinese male passengers.

As far as the bo'sun knew, theirs was the only lifeboat to be lowered from the ship. It was pitch-dark at the time, and he professes to have seen nothing which might have indicated that other people on the ship had had similar chances of saving their lives as he had.

Once clear of the sinking ship, the life-boat drifted about in the open sea.

The Rescue.

Tossed about, the craft began to fill, and the twenty occupants were up to their necks in water when, as luck would have it, a fishing boat, Hongkong-bound, discovered their plight and came to the rescue.

They looked a wretched lot, as they herded together, under the

ANOTHER CANTON BLAZE.

OUTBREAK IN TIMBER AND COAL YARDS.

A YEAR'S FIGURES.

Canton, Jan. 15.
A spectacular blaze was witnessed from Shameen in the early hours of this morning, when a big conflagration broke out in the timber hongs and coal yards situated down the river at Fong Ohuen.

The fire broke out about 3 a.m. and raged for some two hours with considerable intensity.

No details have come to hand yet, but it is probable that the damage will not amount to very much, the area affected being well away from any important buildings and in a very poor district.

Another small fire occurred about midnight on the East Bund, destroying two dwelling houses.

Recent figures concerning fire losses in Canton give the following statistics for 1928:—132 outbreaks destroyed 1,249 houses and caused 27 casualties.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

The *Nam Chung Pao*, a Hongkong paper, reports that over 10 houses were completely destroyed in the fire. The Fire Brigade, on receipt of the call, immediately proceeded to the scene but owing to the dry weather the fire spread rapidly and within a short time several houses were ablaze.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is said that the master of the ship where the fire broke out is missing.

COPPER MAGNATE'S OFFER.

AERIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CHILE.

New York, Jan. 15.
Mr. Daniel Guggenheim, the well-known copper magnate, has, it is stated on reliable authority, placed at the disposal of the Chilean Government the sum of \$100,000 on condition that it is used for the development of aviation in Chile.

Mr. Guggenheim has very large nitrate and copper properties in Chile.—*Reuter's American Service.*

warmth of blankets, at the Water Police Station this morning, awaiting their further disposal by the authorities.

Many Women & Children.

Particulars supplied to the police concerning the wrecked vessel were that the ship left Shanghai on the 11th instant, with a crew of 103 and about 300 passengers, all of whom were Chinese, including 30 women and an unestimated number of children.

The Hsin Wah called at Swatow yesterday to pick up some cargo and about 20 passengers. She was on her way to the Colony when overtaken by disaster.

First intimation of the occurrence was received here by wireless from Waglan Lighthouse, which appeared to have seen an unidentified vessel approach the rocks in the darkness.

The No. 4 Police Launch, which was the only deep-sea cruising launch able to withstand conditions such as obtained this morning, was immediately dispatched to the spot, but failed to pick up any survivors.

The Ill-Fated Steamer.

The s.s. Hsin Wah was a comparatively new steamer, one of the finest of the China Merchants' fleet. She was built for the Company in 1921 by Messrs. Napier and Miller at Glasgow, and is of 1,940 tons.

The vessel is 270 feet long, has a beam of 40 feet, and is 21.6 feet in depth.

Her master, Capt. M. P. Jensen, believed drowned, is very well known on the China coast. He had been in the employ of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, the owners of the Hsin Wah, for over ten years.

She left Shanghai for Canton via Swatow and Hongkong on January 11th, and carried a fairly big cargo of packages. The Canton cargo is stated to have been large.

The majority of the passengers were travelling steerage, and it is understood that a number were disarmed soldiers, which the Hsin Wah was carrying.—*(Continued on Page 12.)*

AFGHAN CAPITAL SILENT.

BRIEF MESSAGES LACK INFORMATION.

FIGHTING ON LARGE SCALE CLOSE TO CITY.

PUZZLING POSITION.

London, Jan. 15.
Much of interest and importance has been left unsaid regarding the present situation in Afghanistan in the latest despatches received in authoritative quarters in London from Kabul.

The Afghan Legation has practically no reliable information.

The news received does not indicate the definite whereabouts of the abdicated monarch, Amanullah, and do not reveal how the Sirdars and the Mullahs view the crowning of the new ruler, Inayatullah.

It was stated yesterday that Amanullah had flown to Kandahar, and this may be correct, though confirmation has not been received.

Fighting Continues.

It is pointed out that the armed bands acting in the north of Kabul under the direction of the rebel Bachasakao are still actively engaging the Afghan troops on the outskirts of Kabul.

As Bachasakao's campaign is actuated mainly by a desire for loot, the majority of his followers consisting of bandits pure and simple, there is nothing to indicate that Inayatullah's attitude to the rebels will differ from that of his predecessor.

Tribe Leaders Uncertain.

A message from Peshawar to-day says that information has been received indicating that following a lull, fighting has broken out on a considerable scale on the outskirts of the capital.

Meanwhile, the message adds, it is not yet known how the various tribal chiefs have received Inayatullah's succession.—*Reuter.*

German Comment.

Berlin, Jan. 15.

The evening papers commenting on the developments in Afghanistan consider that the downfall of Amanullah is a defeat for Moscow to the advantage of Great Britain. The *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* says it means Moscow's influence over Kabul has been ended for an indefinite period.

The *Boersen Zeitung* places great emphasis on the pro-British proclivities of the new King.—*Reuter.*

Finn Everts.

London, Jan. 15.

London has not yet overcome the surprise of the abdication of King Amanullah, though it is reasoned that such a climax to the reforms might have been expected.

Details of the final events leading to Amanullah's abdication show that on January 13 the rebels drove the loyalists from Kabul Valley, and on January 14 captured their headquarters, three miles from Kabul, and occupied the hills overlooking the city. Amanullah then decided to abdicate.

A party of Mullahs from Kabul approached the rebels and concluded an armistice.

Although fighting in the vicinity of the British Legation has been severe, little damage has been done. Foreigners apparently have not been harmed.

Inayatullah, who is married to Queen Souriya's sister, was kept in close confinement for three years after Amanullah's accession, and has since lived as a private citizen. The relations of the brothers are described as friendly.—*Reuter.*

AMERICA RATIFIES KELLOGG PACT.

SENATE VOTES ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY.

Washington, Jan. 15.
The threat of opposition to the ratification of the Kellogg Pact did not eventuate. The necessary legislation passed through the Senate to-day, the Treaty being ratified by 85 votes to one, practically unanimous.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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THE BUS TRAGEDY.

FUNERAL OF MASTER HENRY PHILLIPS.

The funeral of Henry Phillips, the eldest son of Inspector and Mrs. H. E. Phillips, of Kowloon City Police Station, who was knocked down and fatally injured by a motor bus on Monday, took place in the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave conducted the burial service, in the presence of a large and sympathetic gathering.

Among those present were: Inspector and Mrs. Phillips, children, and Mrs. Evans (chief mourners); Inspector and Mrs. D. W. Barnett, Mrs. H. J. Kelly and Mrs. G. Saunders; Chief Inspector Peter Grant, Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), Inspector Lane and Detective J. Carey (Central Police Station); Inspector J. Ogg (Tsimshatsui); Sgt. F. H. Kelly (No. 2 Police Station); Sgt. W. Hynes (Bay View); Inspector Fallon and Sub-Inspector Cotton (Yau-mat); Sgt. Armit (Kowloon City); Inspector H. J. Millington and Inspector S. Kelly (Sanitary Department).

There were also representatives from the Kai Tak aerodrome and the Navy, and detachments from the Indian and Chinese sections of the police force.

Among the wreaths were the following:—From sorrowing Mum and Dad; brothers and sisters; gramma, aunts and uncles in England; Betty, Charlie and Walter; Rosie and Margaret Ogg; Harry, Leslie, Victor and Hazel Millington; Tommy Sutter; Ronny Shad-bolt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Messrs. T. Murphy, A. Reynolds, D. MacDonald, E. J. Field and family, F. Booker and family, R. A. Vincent, A. H. Elston, G. C. Moss and family, George Wichey, W. Shannon, E. G. Post, M. A. Grant and family, J. G. Hooper, G. Saunders, K. H. E. Marks, J. S. Dick and family, Peveril Wodehouse, W. A. Russell, J. Smith and Dorothy, W. Hynes, W. M. Armit, H. W. Fraser, A. J. Smith, J. Carey, B. Thorpe, S. Kelly, A. R. Clark, D. W. Barnett, S. J. Clarke, Stinson and family, Paterson and family, S. G. Poole, P. Logan, Hopkins, Dudman, Cunningham, Swan, Sabey, Hoare, Cargill, Millington, Hunt and family, Grady.

Inspector P. Grant, Sub-Inspector A. H. Mason, Inspector Fallon and Sgt. Mottram, Messrs. E. W. Hamilton, W. S. T. Loney, F. H. Kelly, W. Ritchie, F. J. Clarke, M. Flaherty, H. Evans, Naughton, A. Rich.

Single Sergeants' Mess, No. 2 Police Station; Traffic Staff, Central; Sergeants of Central Police Station; Royal Naval Yard Police; Chinese Detectives, Constables and Barrack Sergeant; Commanding Officer and Officers, Kai Tak; Other ranks, Kai Tak; Sergeants, Kai Tak; Staff of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company; Staff and pupils of Kowloon Junior School; Sergeant-Major Warren; Dye Luk Lan, Chiu Hang Cheung, and Chan Him.

DISBANDMENT.

DECISION TO LIMIT ARMY TO SIXTY DIVISIONS.

Nanking, Jan. 15. The Disbandment Conference scheduled session this afternoon has been postponed to January 17. At yesterday's meeting the disbandment committee under the chairmanship of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang tentatively decided to limit the National Army to sixty divisions.—*Reuter*.

REPARATIONS AGENT.

INTENDED RESIGNATION OF MR. PARKER GILBERT.

New York, Jan. 15. According to the *Herald-Tribune*, Mr. Parker Gilbert intends to resign from the position of Agent General of Reparations.—*Reuter's American Service*.

TO RELAY BAND.

RADIO MUSIC FROM LANE CRAWFORD'S.

There will be an interesting development in the Government radio broadcasting to-day when station G.O.V. will relay the programme of band music to be given at Lane Crawford's Restaurant.

The symphony orchestra of H.M.S. Hermes will play in the restaurant from 5.15 to 7.15 and by permission of Capt. Hopgood, C.B.E., A.D.C., and the management of Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., the Government station will relay the programme to the transmitting end by means of a microphone and land line.

It is believed that this is the first "outside" broadcast to be attempted in Hongkong and marks an important step forward in local radio development. Outside broadcasting has been developed to a remarkable extent in England and elsewhere during recent years, transmission having taken place from the bottom of a coal mine, under the sea, from an aeroplane and from a variety of public places such as halls and racecourses sometimes miles away from the transmitting station.

The Programme.

To-day a microphone will be installed in Lane Crawford's for the purpose of the "outside" broadcast and this will probably be connected to an amplifier to give a preliminary "boost" to the transmission. The experiment will be watched with considerable interest and if successful may prove the forerunner of other similar relays.

The station will work on a wavelength of 350 metres to-day and the usual weather report will be sent out at 1.45 p.m.

The programme of music to be played by the Hermes orchestra under the baton of Mr. Comton is as follows:

March, "Wounded Friend," (Myddleton).
Overture, "Lustspiel," (Kela Bela).
Extract, "Humoreske," (Dvorak).
Selection, "Cavalleria," (Mascagni).
Valse, "Lustig Bruder," (Vollstaet).
Suite, "Kiss for Cinderella," (Bucalosi).
Description, "Monastery Garden," (Kately).

Selection, "Hit the Deck," (Kately).
8.15 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8.30 p.m. Evening Programme (Columbia Records).
"By The Way," Selection, London Theatre Orchestra.

"Two Eyes of Grey," Tenor, Charles Harrison.
"The Garden of Your Heart," Tenor, Charles Harrison.

"The Difference," Monologue by Bransby Williams.
"Not Old," Monologue by Bransby Williams.

"Speak," J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet.
"Parfum Du Passe," J. H. Squire, Celeste Octet.

"You Forgot To Remember," Duet, Layton and Johnstone.
"Wild Flowers and Bumblebees," Duet, Layton and Johnstone.

"The Rich Man Drives By," Gilbert Childs, Comedian.
"The Two Imps," Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

"Dancer of Seville," Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.
"Loose Elbows," Pianoforte Solo, Billy Mayerl.

"Antiquary," Pianoforte Solo, Billy Mayerl.
"The Parson at the sewing party," An address by Vivian Foster.

"The Knotting Song," Tenor, John Coates.
"The Gondoliers," Tenor, John Coates.

"I love the moon," Soprano, Doris Vane.
"Memory's melody," Soprano, Doris Vane.

"Second Serenade," Jean Lensen and his Orchestra.
"Chanson Hindou," Jean Lensen and his Orchestra.

10 p.m. News bulletin.
"Lend Me Your Aid," (From "Queen of Sheba"), Tenor, Francis Russell.

"Where Does Daddy Go To," Entertainer, Tom Clare.
"At Home, I'm My Wife's Husband," Entertainer, Tom Clare.

"But When I'm away, I'm 'Me,'" Entertainer, Tom Clare.
"Speak," (Tho' you only say farewell), Baritone, Thorpe Bates.

"Night," Baritone, Thorpe Bates.
"Morgenblatter Waelt," The Gelger Orchestra.

"Dream Waltz," The Gelger Orchestra.
God Save The King.
10.30 p.m. Close down.



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MAGISTRATE TIRED OF ASSAULT CASES.

SEQUEL TO HARBOUR COLLISION.

A collision between a launch and a sampan near the s.s. Borneo, which was anchored off West Point, last week, was recalled at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when two men were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with assaulting a boatman.

It was stated that while the sampan was alongside the Borneo, a launch collided with the native craft, resulting in words arising between the crews of the two boats. The complainant reprimanded the defendants, who were on the launch, for not using fenders. It was alleged by the complainant that the two defendants threw some bottles at him, one of them striking him in the face.

The defendants denied actually throwing the bottles. When asked how the complainant received the injury, one of the defendants said that when a bottle was thrown by someone the complainant might have struck his face against it.

His Worship: It's a careless thing to strike one's face against a bottle thrown from your boat.

His Worship convicted both defendants and said that he was rather tired of these assaults, especially when dangerous weapons were used. Each defendant was fined \$20 and ordered to pay the complainant \$5 compensation each.

Both defendants, the complainant and one of the complainant's folk, who gave evidence, were all bound over on personal bonds to be of good behaviour for one year.

BRITISH FORESTRY.

COMMISSION TO BE GIVEN MORE MONEY.

London, Jan. 15. The Government have undertaken to ask Parliament to vote a total sum of \$5,500,000 to the Forestry Commission, on agreed annual instalments, during ten years beginning April 1, this year, as compared with a sum of \$3,500,000 which had been provided during the last ten years.

The Commission will also derive increased revenue from forest products of about \$1,400,000, in all, as compared with \$775,000 which is the estimated figure for the first ten years.

It is expected that these sums will enable the Commission to provide 225,000 acres of new plantation, to devote \$1,000,000 to forest workers' holdings, and to make a grant for other purposes, including the planting of municipal and private lands, and forestry education and research.—*British Wireless*.

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HECK! MORE TOUGH LUCK! "I'VE BET ON BONBON IS GONE—BUT YA CAN'T BLAME THE OLD NAG—HE THOUGHT I WAS CALLIN' HIM WHEN I YELLED 'COME ON'—"
UPDOWN RACE TR

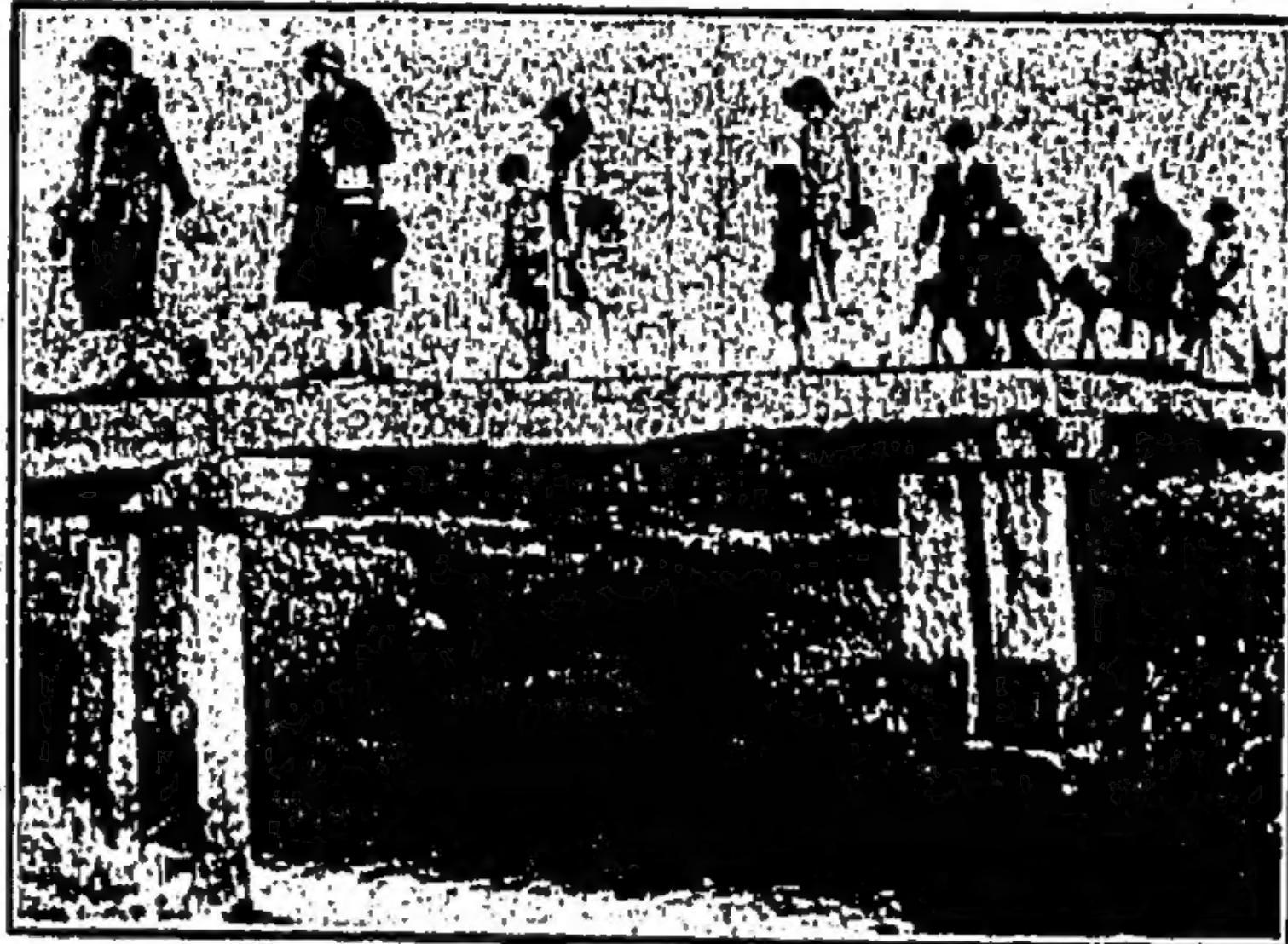
BUT, BY GOSH, THERE'S ONE THING I CAN DO! I'LL PUT 'IM KIBOSH ON GAMBLIN' AT THIS TRACK—TH' CHIEF SENT ME OUT HERE TO INVESTIGATE—HE'LL PAD-LOCK 'IM PLACE IN A HURRY—"
YEAN?

WELL, SAM, DO THEY ALLOW GAMBLIN' OUT AT 'IM RACE TRACK, OR DON'T THEY?
I'LL SAY THEY DO—AN' OPENLY, TOO!—IT'S TERRIBLE! WHADDA YA WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?
FREECINCE! #676
WALK IN

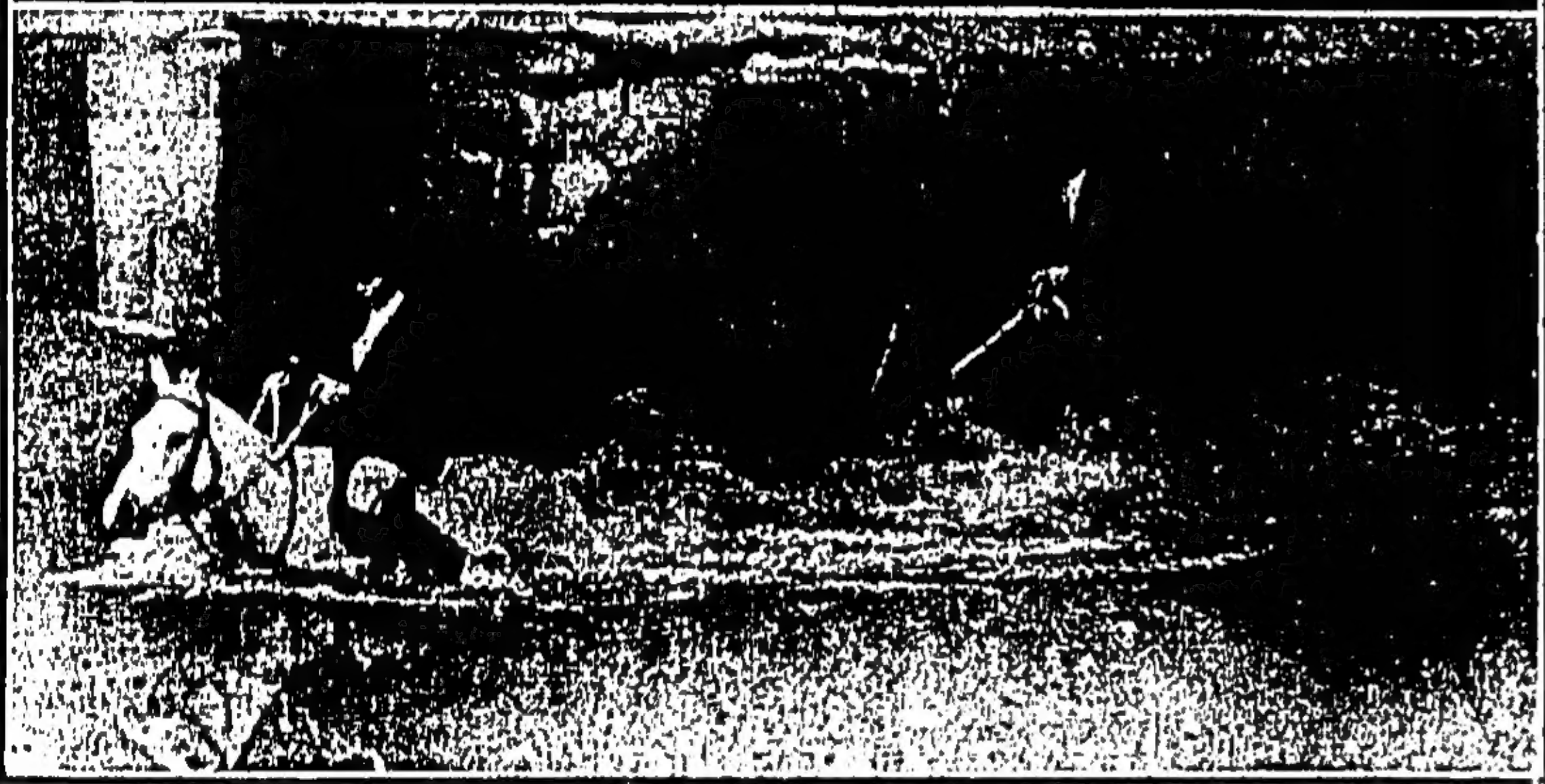
G'WAN BACK AN' BET THIS FIFTY FER ME, ON LOLLYPOP IN 'IM LAST RACE!
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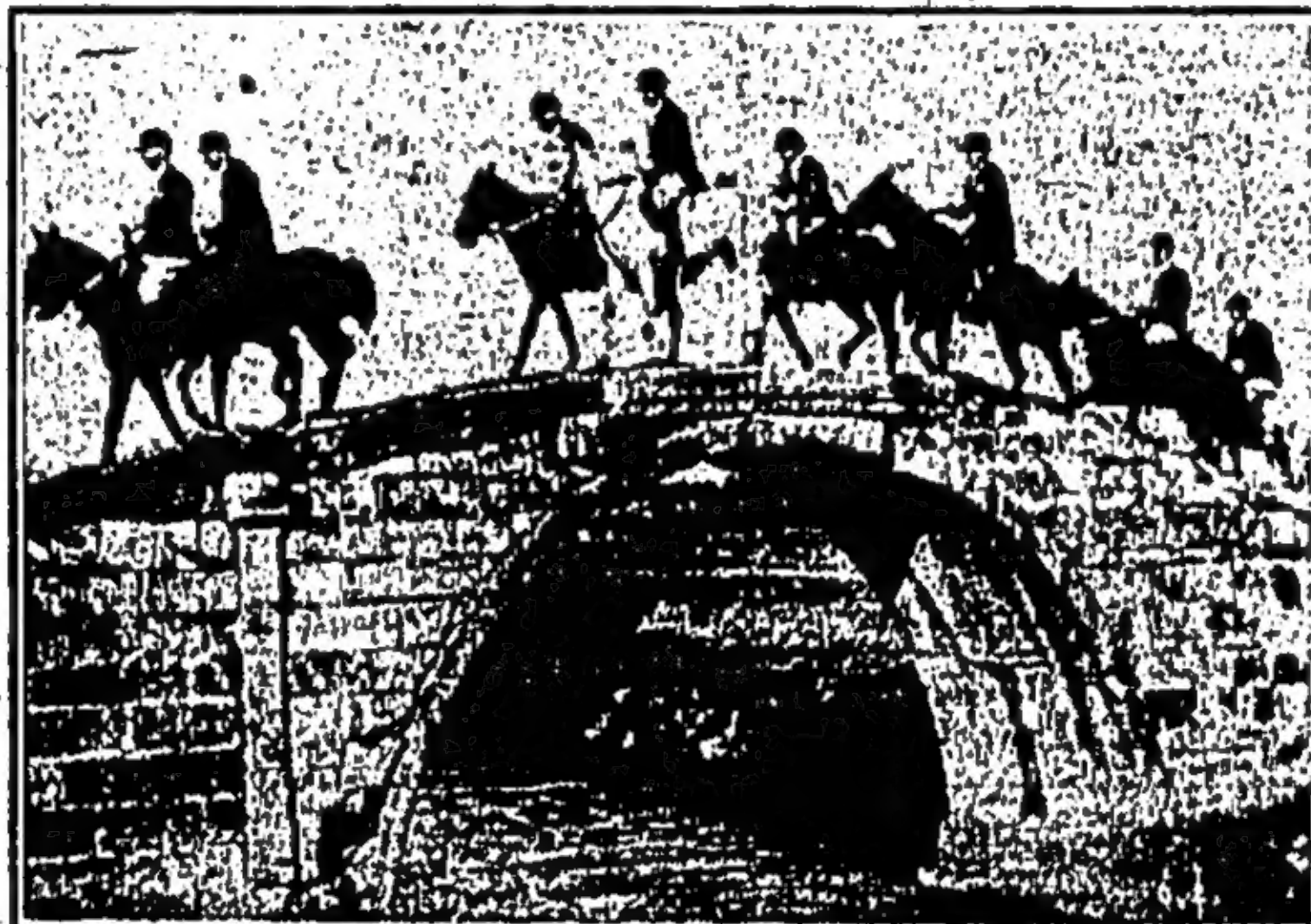
An excellent picture giving a good impression of the popularity of the occasional dances held at the Foreign Y. M. C. A. in Shanghai. The photo shows the most recent event of this kind. The lounge and lobby were decked out with paper festoons, evergreen wreaths and streamers, and those who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time.



A few of the many people who took advantage of a delightful day to watch the recent Shanghai paper hunt.



The picture at the top shows part of the field which took part in the most recent Paper Hunt in Shanghai. Miss Hyland, on Deerhound, won the hunt and her pink. The lower picture shows one of the difficulties which riders encountered just before reaching Potter's platform.



This narrow, high-arched bridge was one of the numerous difficulties in the path of the paper hunters.



Photo taken at a children's party given by the management of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. a fortnight ago. Mr. Wassor, the manager of the Astor House was in charge of the entertainment and distributed Christmas surprises to the youngsters.

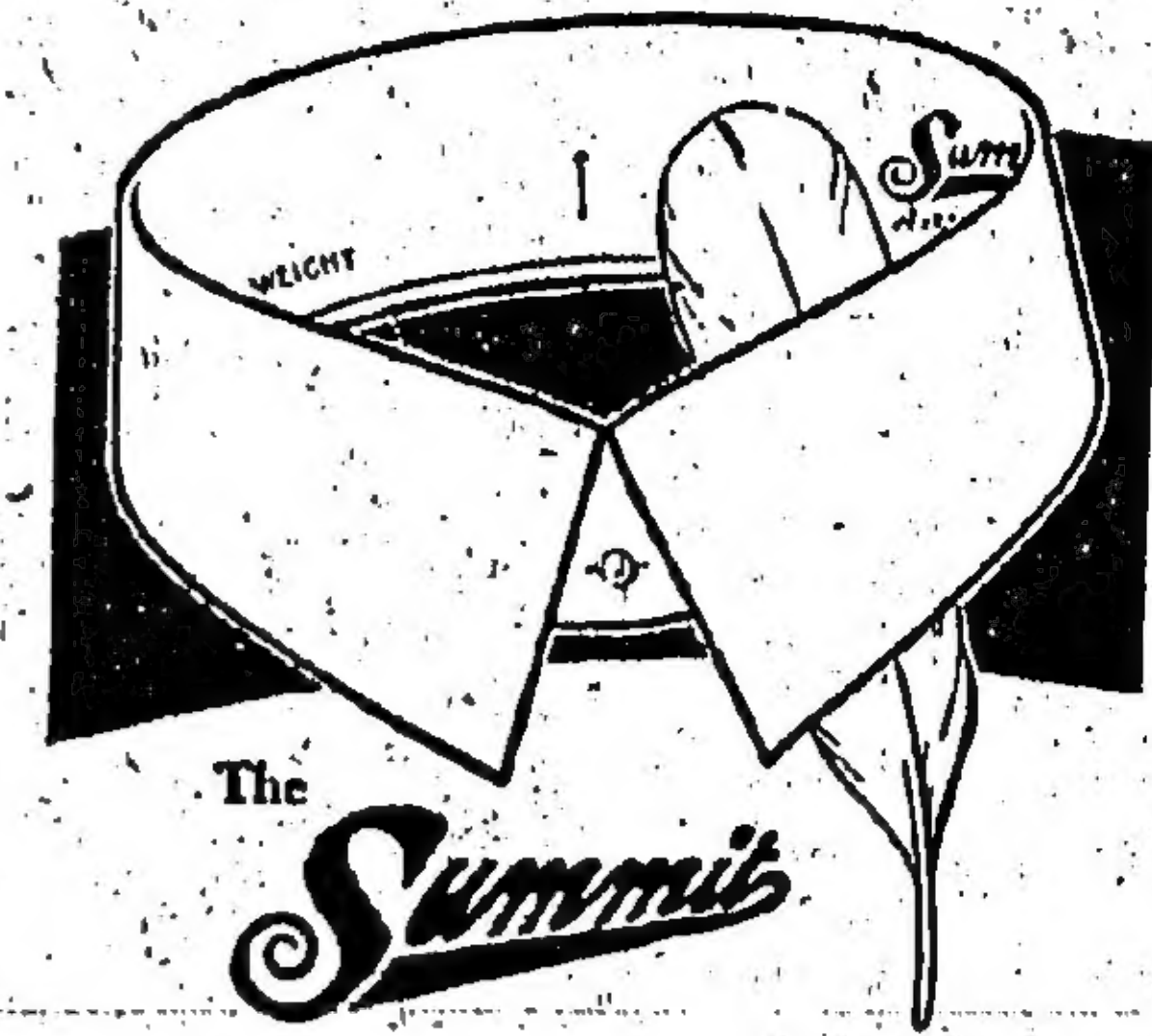


At the Grand Hotel des Wagon-Lits, Peking, Father Christmas arrived on a motor scooter.



A Korean football team (on right) has just completed a visit to Shanghai, and in each of the three games they played they suffered defeat, despite plucky struggles. The Shanghai XI (left) beat them at the Stadium by 4-1, the Chinese outpointed them by 4-0, and United Services defeated the team from Chosen Christian College by 4-2.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 5th February, 1929, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th January, to Tuesday, 5th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1929.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 98 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.

Note.—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Jolson, Stokes & Master, Prince Building, Solicitors to the Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1929, at 2 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 76 years, commencing from 1st July, 1893, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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Tasmania batted first and made 229, G. Martin being the principal contributor with 92. Freeman secured four wickets for 66 runs.

The M.C.C. replied with 482 for the loss of eight wickets and declared. Jardine scored 214 and Mead 105.

Tasmania collapsed before the bowling of Tate and Freeman in the second innings and were all out for 137. Tate's five wickets cost 85 runs and Freeman obtained four for 45.

Reuter.

HANKOW CRISES.

Japan MAY TAKE ACTION.

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

The Foreign Office expresses anxiety with regard to the Hankow situation and states that protests have been made both to the Hankow Garrison Commander and to the Nanking Government. Both have replied saying that steps are being taken to control the situation, but as there are no signs of improvement, it may be necessary to take naval action to protect Japanese lives and property.

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Hankow, Jan. 15.

The local Japanese newspaper states that Japanese officials have received instructions from Tokyo that in the event of the Chinese authorities refusing to curb the activities of Chinese pickets, "the Japanese naval authorities are authorised to take stringent action."

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

From	To	Date
Straits	Takliwa	January 16.
Straits	Yuenang	January 16.
Shanghai and Swatow	Dryden	January 16.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	January 16.
Australia and Manila	Mishima Maru	January 17.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Præ Grant	January 18.
Europe via Suva, (letters and papers), London 20th December, and parcels 18th December, 1928	Kashgar	January 18.
Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia (London, 26th-28th December, 1928)	Kalyan	January 18.
Straits	Fushimi Maru	January 20.
Manila	Præ Jefferson	January 21.

For	Date and Time.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Hupoh Wed., Jan. 16, 1 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Fook On Jan. 16, 4 p.m.
Bangkok	Botnia Wed., Jan. 16, 5 p.m.
Holhow and Halphong	Monado Maru Thurs., Jan. 17, 6.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chinkiang Thurs., Jan. 17, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea Thurs., Jan. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Mishima Maru Fri., Jan. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Holhow	Kingchow Fri., Jan. 18, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Fri., Jan. 18, 2 p.m.
Tourane	Chung Kong Fri., Jan. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kalyan Sat., Jan. 19.

Parcels 18th 4.30 p.m.
Registration 19th 9 a.m.
Letters 19th 10 a.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels 18th 5 p.m.
Registration 19th 9.45 a.m.
Letters 19th 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 16th Feb.)

Sandakan	Hinsang	Sat., Jan. 19, 10 a.m.
Manila	Præ Grant	Sat., Jan. 19, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Dalny and Europe via Siberia	Yingchow	Sat., Jan. 19, 6 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Jan. 20, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Jan. 20, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Fushimi Maru	Mon., Jan. 21, 10.30 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria B. C. and Europe via Siberia

President Jefferson Mon., Jan. 21, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 11th February.)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Præ Jefferson Mon., Jan. 21, 6 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiyang Tues., Jan. 22, noon
Amoy Sunning Tues., Jan. 22, 1.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles Aeneas Tues., Jan. 22, 1 p.m.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles, 23rd February.)

Hopang Tues., Jan. 22, 5 p.m.
Tenyo Maru Wed., Jan. 23, 8.30 a.m.

Parcels 22nd 5 p.m.
Empress of Asia Wed., Jan. 23, 9.30 a.m.
Registration 9.30 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 9th Feb.)

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Præ Hayes January 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai Præ Lincoln January 28.
Aeneas January 22.
Aki Maru January 22.
Kashima Maru January 25.
Manila, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday Island Aki Maru Wed., Jan. 23, 1.45 a.m.
Registration 1.45 a.m.
Letters 1.45 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 4th February.)

Shanghai Yunnan Wed., Jan. 23, 1.30 p.m.
Amoy Chokiang Thurs., Jan. 24, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hatching Fri., Jan. 25, 1 p.m.

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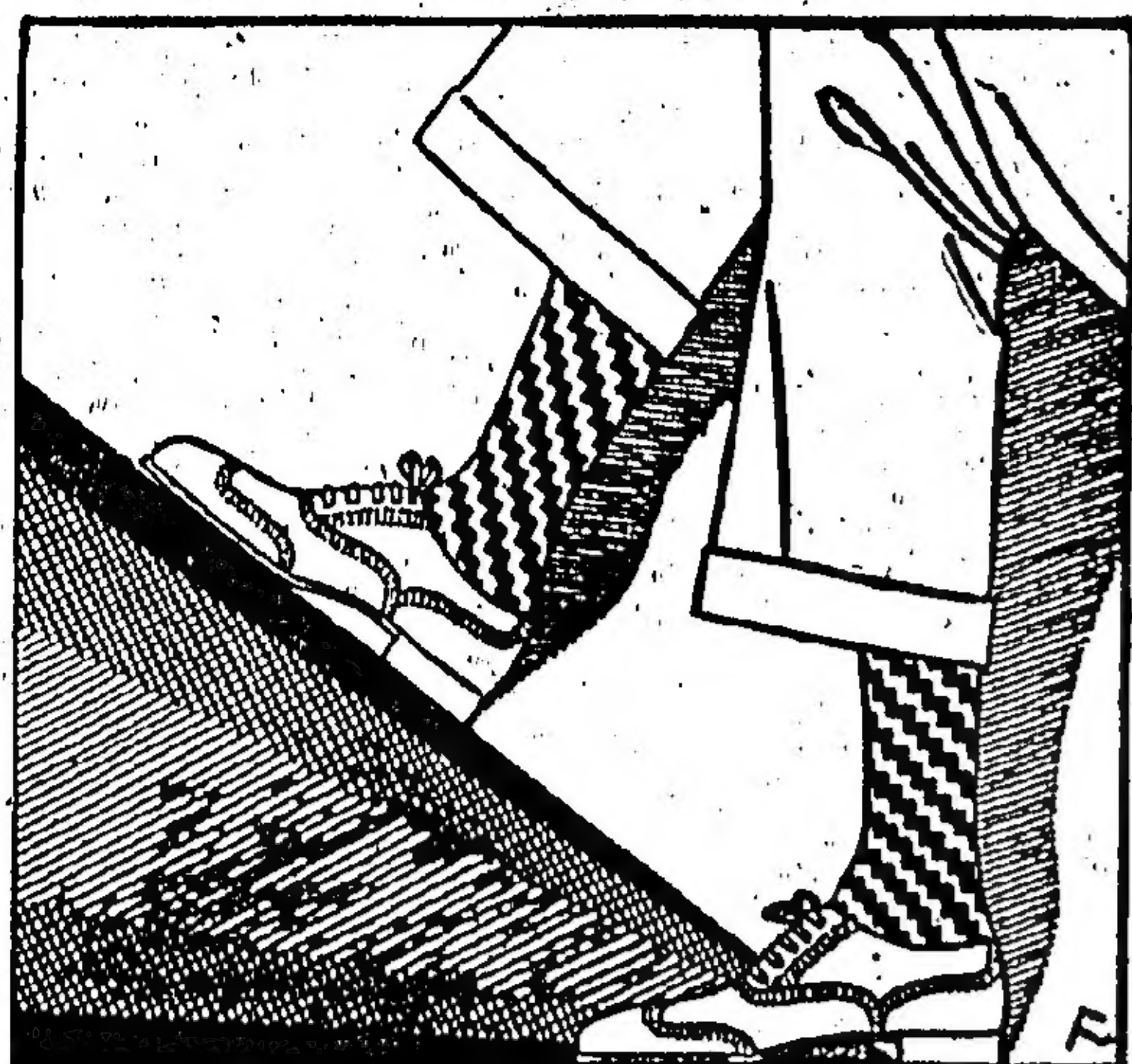
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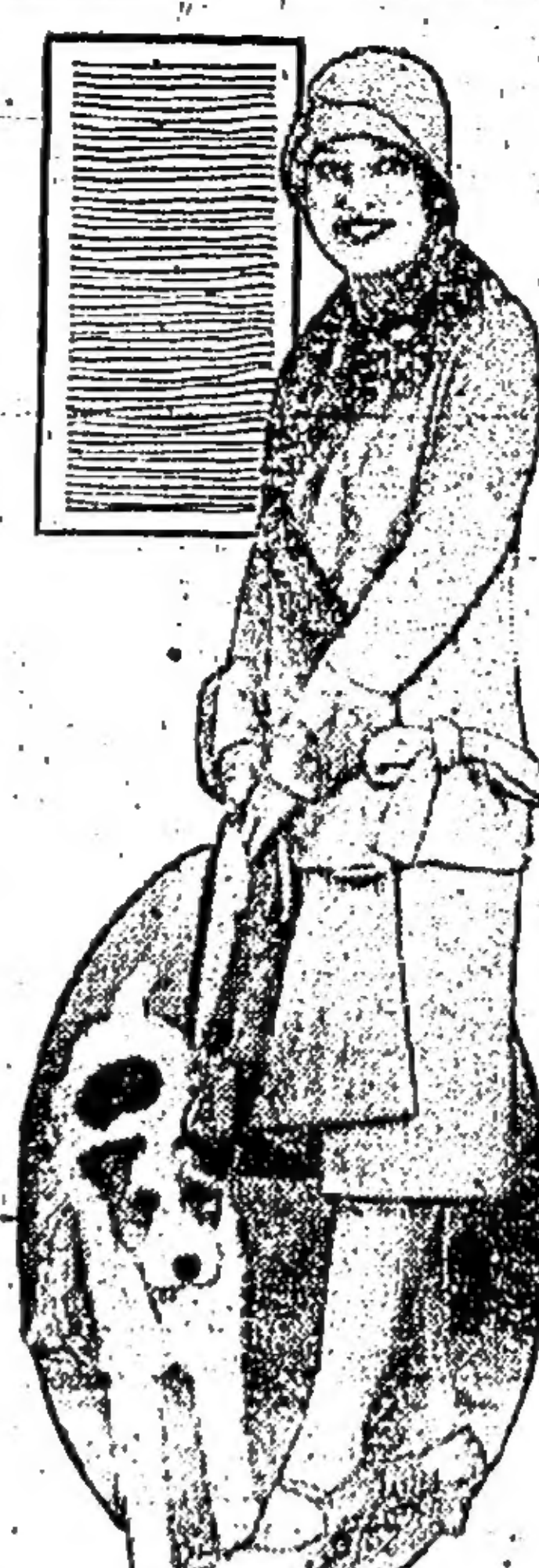
FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Deep yellow buttons, an unusual array of pin-tucks and a soft jabot are unusual features on a bright yellow crepe frock created for the Riviera.

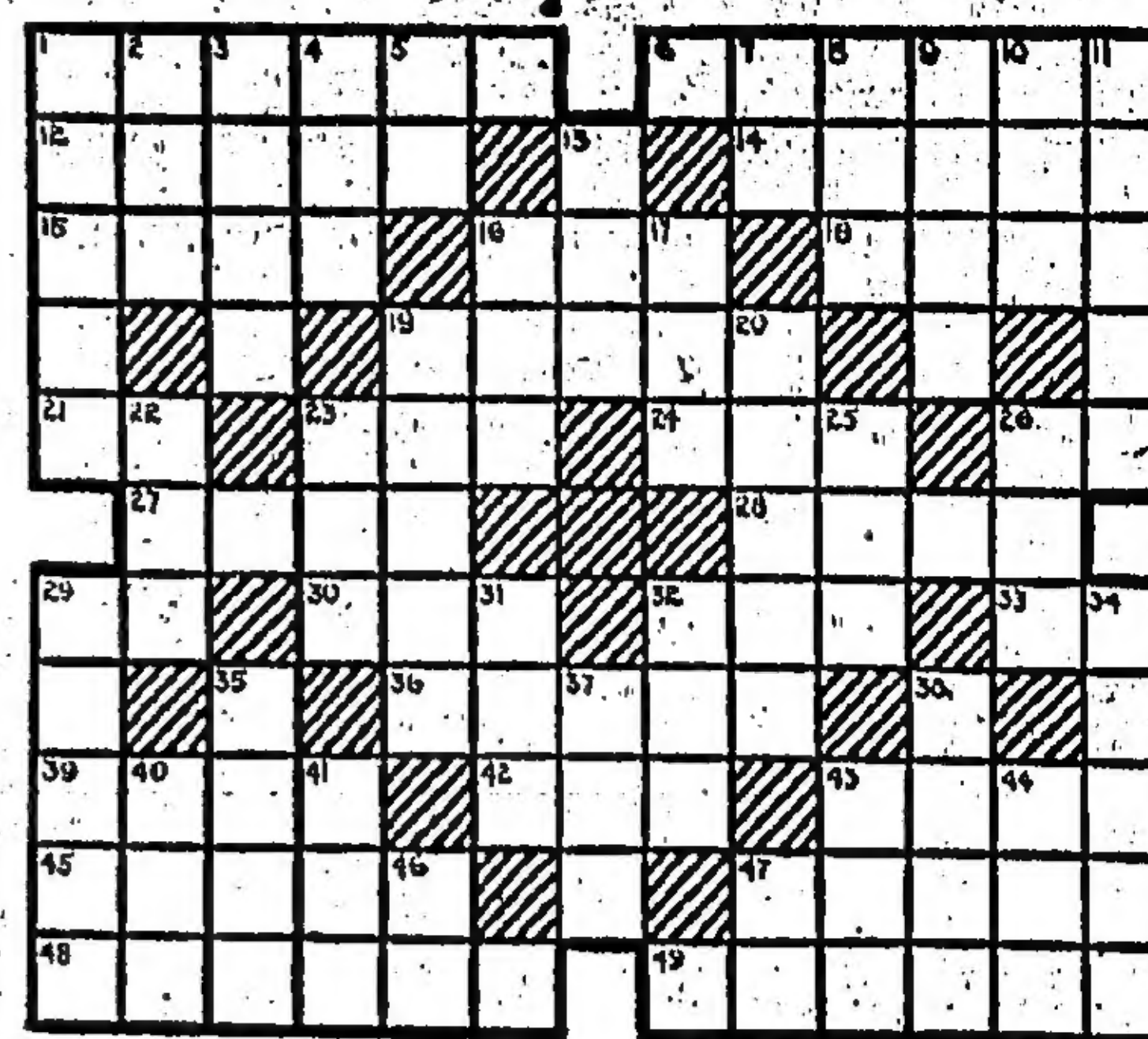


A polka dotted crepe de chine, pale blue dots on a yellow ground, has a lingerie collar of white organdy and is topped by a pale yellow felt hat trimmed in white.



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Horizontal

- 1 Hazard.
- 6 Who was the most important woman in the march of the Israelites out of Egypt?
- 12 Stranger.
- 14 To relinquish.
- 15 Small aperture.
- 16 An elf's child.
- 18 Pieces cut.
- 19 Shrinkage.
- 21 To accomplish.
- 23 Constant companion.
- 24 Age.
- 25 Done.
- 27 Employer.
- 28 Who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage?
- 29 Abbreviation for "junior."
- 30 Branch.
- 32 Fluid of a tree.
- 33 Seventh note in a scale.
- 36 To submit.
- 39 Close-fitting cap.
- 42 Twenty-four hours.
- 43 Blushing.
- 45 A kind of theatre.
- 47 Inn.
- 48 To violate a confidence dishonourably.
- 49 Who was the favourite wife of Jacob?

- 11 Who gave the Ten Commandments to the people?
- 13 Which son of Noah is the father of the chief native race of northern Africa?
- 16 To lubricate.
- 17 Exclamation of disgust.
- 19 To linger.
- 20 Anticipatory terror.
- 22 Your plus my.
- 23 Tiny green vegetable.
- 25 Venomous snake.
- 26 Opposite of in.
- 29 Who was the father of the 12 patriarchs who were the reputed ancestors of the 12 tribes of Israel?
- 31 In the middle of.
- 32 Sneaky.
- 34 Poem on pastoral life.
- 35 Prescribed course of food.
- 37 Organ of sound.
- 38 The two.
- 40 Type of poem.
- 41 Hair coat of an animal.
- 43 Fabulous mythical bird.
- 44 To observe.
- 46 Mother.
- 47 Exclamation of laughter.

Yesterday's Solution.

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- 2 Bear.
- 3 Four and five.
- 4 To secure.
- 5 Half an em.
- 6 Provided.
- 8 Eggs of fishes.
- 9 Annoys.
- 10 Years of life.



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Tape-measure Dolls.

A NOVELTY FOR BAZAARS.

Novelty tape-measures in the shape of Dismal Diamonds, and such like absurdities, have been amusing us in the shops for some time, but though these would seem suitable for bazaars, they are too well-known for much profit to be made by selling them for a few pence over the purchase price.

But since quaint and decorative tape-measures are constantly in demand, it is rather useful to know that the ordinary spring measure can be converted into most delightful little dolls, simply by dressing them in garments cut from old felt hats, posies, and belts.

Any inexpensive spring measure will serve for a foundation, and round this is cut the complete outline of a girl, with arms, legs, a head, and hat, the dress itself being large enough to cover the front of the measure.

These outlines are very easy to cut, but should courage fail, one can trace or draw the design on paper, tack the paper to the felt, and cut out both together. A second piece of felt, preferably of the same colour, is then sewn or glued on the back of the dress, and the measure is then slipped in between the two pieces, so that only the little handle is visible.

Some cotton wool padding will probably be needed to fill in the rest of the dress, and when this is all smooth and even, the question of features can be decided.

A Simple Way.

One of the simplest ways to make the face is to cut out a small circle of pale pink felt, and to draw the face on it in sepia or Indian ink, then glue it on the doll.

This is much easier to draw than might be imagined, for most amusing effects result from simply adding two circular eyes, looking very much out of one corner, tiny uplifted eyebrows, and a circular mouth.

Cambric, instead of felt, may be used, and placed over a wooden

Brushes & Combs.

HOW TO CLEANSE THEM.

Hair brushes, nail brushes and combs should be cleansed thoroughly every few days, in addition to the daily scrub or rinse.

To wash hair brushes, dissolve two tablespoonfuls of borax in a little boiling water and add this to two quarts of lukewarm water in which has been melted a few soap flakes or chips. Holding the bristles downward, beat the water up and down with the brush. Rinse first in warm water, then in cold salt water to keep the bristles straight and stiff. Dry in the open air, bristles down, on a clean towel.

To keep nail and tooth brushes in a perfectly clean state, soak them for two hours once a week in cold water to which a little borax, previously dissolved in hot water, has been added; cleanse and rinse as described for hair brushes.

Scrub combs with a nail brush, hitting the bristles briskly between the teeth of the combs, in a warm sudsy borax water; rinse and dry.

button-mould before being attached. In either case the background felt is cut away from the sides of the face, leaving the latter affixed to the dress and hat of the beret variety.

Necessary decorations are added by means of embroidery, feathers, or beads, and a small piece of ribbon is sewn to the back for hanging purposes. The doll, in its simplest form, is now complete. Needless to say, with a little ingenuity, an endless variety of dresses and positions can be achieved. Two thicknesses of felt, glued together and interlined with wire will make arms and legs which will bend into the most ridiculous positions; while an ordinary match-box, weighed down and enamelled, will make a most charming little stand on which the doll can be placed. In this case, however, the doll will need wooden legs, but these can be made in a moment, from cocktail cheery-sticks or pieces broken from a thin wooden skewer.

Mannerisms.

HAVE YOU ANY?

It is really remarkable what a hold certain mannerisms can get on one. These, unless checked, can become very tiresome to other people. We don't notice the slow slavery to a certain habit or the annoying recurrence of a set form of words in which we habitually express ourselves, but others do.

One perfectly harmless—indeed, very chivalrous—elderly man I know is becoming a man to be avoided in club life, in the drawing-room, and in the street merely because of the constant repetition of "I-mean-to-say, y'know, y'know!" with which he interlard every remark. It is pure habit, and apparently he has become so used to it that he does not notice it himself.

But to others—well, it gets intolerable after a few minutes' conversation. If someone could only tell him; but he lives very much alone, and has no sufficiently intimate friend who cares to risk a rebuff.

Then the word "quite"—surely inoffensive enough in itself, even polite as an interpolation from someone who may be listening to your description of anything—can become perfectly maddening when constantly repeated in the perfunctory manner it often is.

A doctor friend of mine occasionally invites me to dine with him and his charming wife. I try to keep my eyes off him, as he insists on holding his knife in a manner horribly reminiscent of a scalpel.

There are lots of similar little mannerisms which all of us recognise in our friends. Surely it is an excellent thing to look at home, too, and to ask ourselves, "Do I do funny things like that? Am I getting so set in my ways that I cannot see myself as others see me?"

"It is only too easy, in this driving and driven days, to get on people's nerves, especially those with whom we live, and to start friction in the machinery of one's life. A. G. in Exchange.



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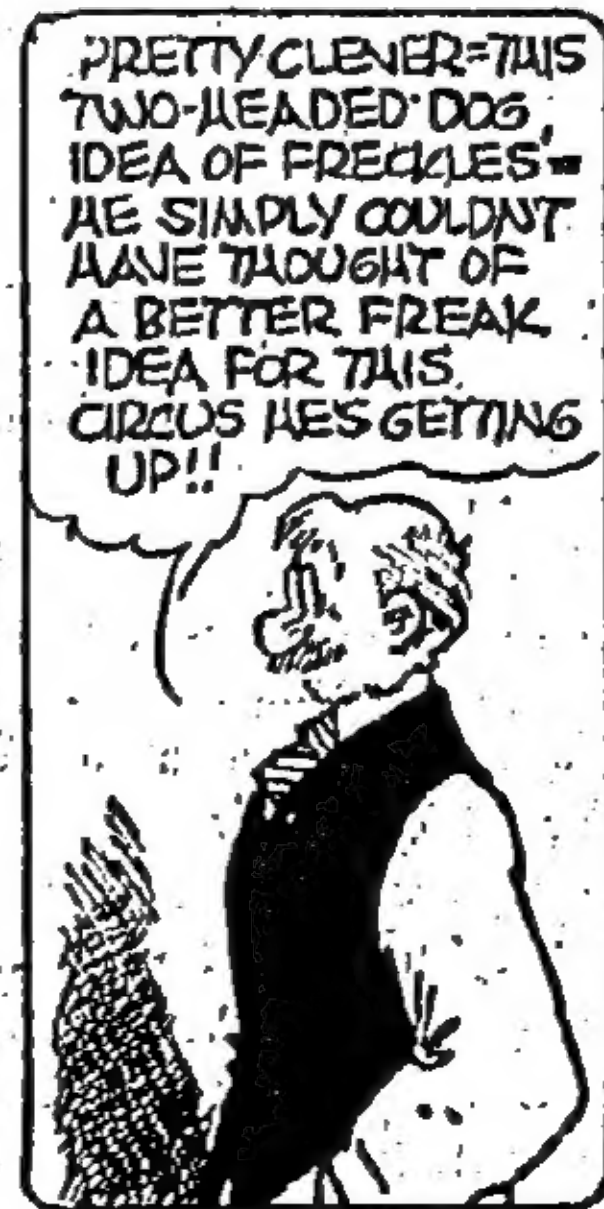
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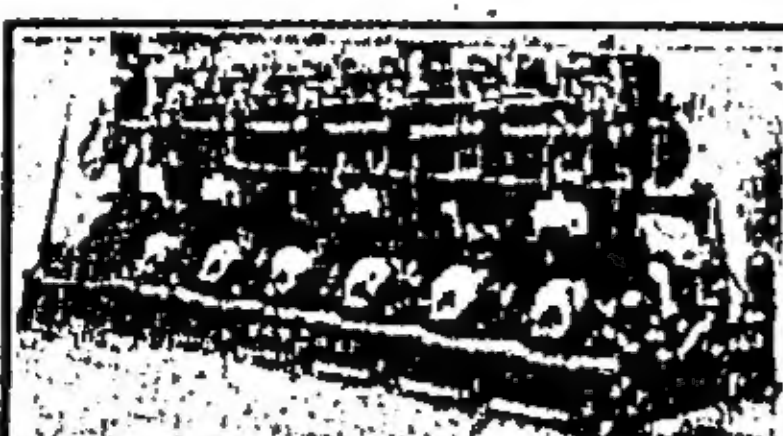
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Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Silva wish to thank their many friends for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes received by them during their recent bereavement.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16, 1929

THE COAL PROBLEM.

The distress in the mining areas at Home still continues, and the only grain of comfort which can be gathered in that such an excellent response has been made to the appeals on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Fund. Money is still coming in, but with such a huge army of unemployed calling for succour for themselves and their families, every penny will be needed. It is obvious, of course, that the problem cannot be solved on a basis of charitable donations, but, at the same time, the necessity for immediate help is paramount. This coal problem has long defied solution, or, at any rate, no really workable scheme for the restoration of the industry to its former state of prosperity has yet been put into effect. The issue is one which will have to be faced sooner or later, and it is one to which either the present Government or its successor will be forced by circumstances to pay very serious attention.

Something is being done by the leaders of the industry to prevent the situation from becoming even worse, and in this connexion special attention has latterly been paid to the discussions of the executive committee of the South Wales Coal Marketing Association concerning the proposed introduction, early this year, of an output regulation scheme. The objects of this Association are to regulate the output of the members' collieries according to the demand for coal; to co-operate or form any working arrangement, amalgamation or association with any similar organisation; and to compensate members for loss of output. The datum adopted for the purpose of the scheme is that of one of the quarterly periods during the eighteen months ended last June, and the output to be regulated is the net output, after deducting from the total output coal used in colliery consumption and in other specified ways. It is left to the discretion of each member to specify which of the six quarterly periods shall be adopted by him for the purposes of the scheme, and the net output for that period is to be known as the conventional output. The selected output is to be multiplied by four, and the resulting quantity is to be regarded as the colliery companies' conventional output. It is provided that no member shall produce in net output more than his quarterly allocation, except for the purpose of making good deficiencies brought forward from one quarter to another in the same year and "a member may carry forward from one quarter to another in the same year only the amount by which the quarterly proportion of his annual quota exceeds his net output for such quarter, after deducting any deficiency allowed under this clause to be carried forward from the last preceding quarter." The penalty for producing in excess of the quarterly allocation is to be 2s. 6d. per ton and the amount so received is to be distributed at the end of each year by way of compensation among members whose net output for the year is less than their allocated output, up to not more than 2s. per ton of the certified deficiency. Voting power is on the basis of output, one vote being equivalent to 15,000 tons and one further vote for 30,000 tons over and above the first 15,000 tons.

We read that it is fairly generally agreed in the trade that an arrangement which aims at the adjustment of output to the current requirements of the market is far preferable to one that aims at price regulation without any output control. There have been several occasions lately when there has been a failure to insist on the minimum prices and in many quarters it had been considered extremely doubtful whether the price regulation scheme would in any case be continued after 1925. Exporters would welcome a change from a price to an output regulating scheme, and it is anticipated that business will be facilitated should the proposed new arrangement come into force.

Afghanistan Abdication.

The abdication of King Amanullah of Afghanistan has created considerable surprise among his Western friends, who saw no reason to be greatly disturbed by the commotion produced by his reforms. The actual news is meagre. The story of his retirement in favour of his elder brother was a well-founded rumour on the Indian frontier long before it became definitely known that he was losing control of the situation. Nine months ago, Amanullah and his Queen were engaged on a European tour all-embracing in its scope. Amanullah, already a modernist in thought, set out with the avowed object of studying Western culture in all its branches, and the programme undertaken, probably unequalled in its scope, undoubtedly afforded him a unique opportunity of discovering what is most valuable in European civilisation. His biographers will find his fatal mistake in the effort, immediately on his return to his primitive and fanatical subjects, to Westernise Afghanistan with a word. The enlightenment and superficial knowledge he had acquired did not include breadth of vision or his good-intentioned activities would have been spent in the direction of adapting Western methods to the special needs of his country. The Afghan temperament tends to express itself in extremist ways, and interference with religion produced armed resistance in place of the former sullen compliance with his reforms for the education of women and the wearing of European clothes. The progress of the revolt has been followed closely since November, and it is now realised that Amanullah ran the dangerous risk of forgetting that the one thing an Eastern reformer must not omit is to pay his army adequately. Many of his troops and powder carts had already passed into the reactionary camp before Amanullah sensed the danger, and his repentance, as in the withdrawal of the reforms, came too late. Amanullah will find some sympathy among those who understood his motives, but it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the ex-monarch has made himself a little ridiculous.

The Canton Municipal Council has under consideration the question of introducing a coal gas service into Canton, for both illuminating and heating purposes. This matter has been receiving attention for some time, the advocates for such a service saying that all large cities of the world possess this modern utility, and that a gas supply will be a great convenience to the city.

DAY BY DAY.

SLANDER IS A POISON WHICH EXTINGUISHES CHARITY, BOTH IN THE SLANDERER AND IN THE PERSONS WHO LISTEN TO IT.—St. Bernard.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

H.M.S. Berwick arrived at Nimrod Sound from Hongkong on Tuesday.

The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall is to distribute the prizes at the Vernacular Middle School tomorrow morning.

Information has been received that the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheong is hard and fast ashore at the entrance to the Swathway.

The Anderson Music Company has issued a very useful calendar for the desk. It is set in metal and looks quite smart and effective.

A Notice to Mariners is to the effect that searchlight practice will be carried out as follows:—On January 18 from Stonecutters, on January 19 and 20 from Lyman.

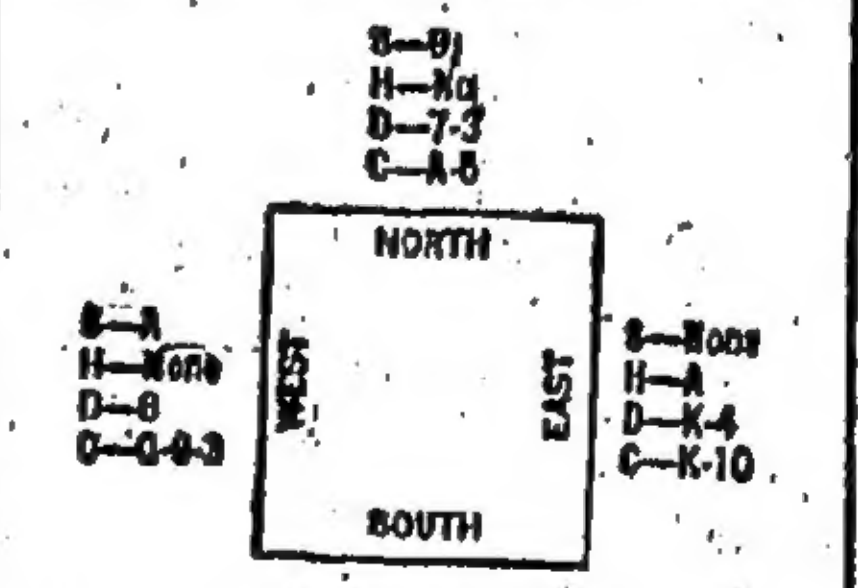
Booking plans are now open at Moutrie's and the Star for Fred Coyne's London Musical Comedy Company, which opens a brief season at the Star Theatre on Monday next at 8.15 p.m. Prices of admission are \$3, \$2 and \$1.

On pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of eight empty sacks from a contractor's mated in Shaung Street, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant had two previous convictions, including one for burglary in 1922.

Mr. Claude Falkner, the well-known billiards expert, is giving an exhibition at the South China Athletic Association's premises tomorrow at 8 p.m. Besides meeting Mr. P. S. Leung in a game of 800 up, he will play snooker and demonstrate various fancy shots. Tickets at \$1.50 can be obtained at the Association's premises, China Building.

Mr. Simon Tse Yan, chairman of the St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor, took a party of prominent Chinese over the institution on Sunday afternoon, with the object of enlisting their support for the excellent work which this Home does. Amongst those who attended were Messrs. Li Yan-chuen, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Tang Shiu-ku, Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital; Fung Ping-shan, General Director of the Tung Wah Hospital; To Tze-tuen and Kwok Shin-low, directors of the Po Leung Kok; Li Hoi-tung, member of the District Watchmen's Committee; Fu Yik-pang, Li Kil-chor, Wong Po-shun, The Yat-chor, Chan Chong-ym, Chen Ping-yee, Lau Sze-chong and Lau Sing-chong, of the Po Leung Kok; Andrew Tse, J. M. Alves, Charles Hoare and a large number of others, including Mrs. Simon Tse and daughters.

BRIDGE PUZZLE BY FABYAN MATHEY.



Diamonds are trumps, and South has the lead. North and South must win four of the five tricks.

Lay out the cards on a table, as shown in the diagram, and study the situation. See if you can find a method of play that will net North and South four of the five tricks.

The Solution.

For a puzzle of so few cards this is not at all easy. South leads the ten of diamonds, North plays the seven, and East wins with the king. East to prevent a cross-ruff by North and South, immediately returns trumps, and South wins the trick with the six. West discarding a club. Now the deuce of trumps is led, and both East and West are squeezed. If West discards his spade, North discards his low club, and vice versa. Then, if East dis-

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Your correspondent "Senex," in his letter of the 10th instant, says that I appear to have forgotten (1) that the Rejected Book was a sincere and honest attempt to put life into the archaic services compiled centuries ago, (2) that it was legally presented to Parliament, and (3) that the Bishops have the right to print the book for what it is worth. "Senex" admits, then, that the services of the Churches are moribund, and need to be galvanized into spasmodic kicks to escape the danger of a premature burial. He adds that "those who cater for the public general—can be relied upon to stage the play in a manner most acceptable to the people." Can one imagine a more jesuitical confession? If the "rejected book" has been presented to Parliament in a legal manner, was it not as legally "rejected"? Then it is printed—"for what it is worth"—by the Bishops!

On what, then, do the Bishops base their action? The Bishop of Durham says it is upon their "spiritual franchise."

What is that, and who possesses it? Is it merely an episcopal gift to be withheld or conferred at will on the subjunctive? Has the layman no "spiritual franchise"? Are the Bishops backed by a majority of their lay congregations, or are they acting ex-officio? A vote might decide the question—provided that a quorum of laymen sufficiently interested might be found. "To-day," continues the Bishop, "when the mass of the people lie outside membership of Christian society in any of its organized sections, Establishment is incapable of defence." If this has any meaning, it is that the bulk of the English people no longer professes Christianity, that the Established Church is defunct and fallen, and the ruins to be carted away. Yet "Senex" accuses me of using a ballistic to shoot a rat! I ask you, Sir, did I say that a Bishop was a rat? I deny it, firmly, decidedly, altogether. I did not even suggest that he was a ridiculous man.

"If," continues "Senex," "the Bishops wish to practice these illegal superstitions (which are 'a matter of taste'), they should leave the Establishment"—and that when the ark "Establishment" appears to be sinking—S.O.S.—and the forty-nine Articles not even signed off!

"Illegal superstition" may be a matter of taste; but some people have such tastes—even bishops! Ah, well; if Bishops are "lacking in common honesty" and "refuse to play the game"—why should "Senex" wish to spank them?

These bishops and these archbishops, "Them shall ye beat and bind." Eh? Just like that? Oh, the naughty outlaw!

Does he wonder that I take refuge in a tub, which may, after all, have about it some lingering odour of spiritual wine, rather than on the "play-stage" of a deserted, episcopal, spiritless Establishment?

"Senex" has not attempted to controvert my opinion that "the breach is widening" into a religious naught.

It is so obviously true. "The windy sheep look up and are not fed"—or are starved at best on "stage-plays," "illegal superstitions" and "disestablishment." We hear of "the public"—or some few of them—being attracted into church by musical festivals, women choirs, wireless broadcasting, cinema pictures and other forms of blatant advertisement: of one hundred and sixty London clergy holding their Bishop's permission to reserve continuously. When shall we hear of "the Spirit of God" moving a congregation to something more than a laudatorial interest in the management of their churches? Exists there yet any bond of union between Christians, any of that heart-felt sincerity of thought, belief and action which—ah, long ago—raised the whole English nation against the invading Armada, which sent Puritans to colonize America, and the Bishops to "light such a candle in England as by 'God's grace shall not readily be put out'? Nay, no candle—an incinerator!

Ichabod, Ichabod—the glory has departed.—Yours, etc.
DIOPHONES.
Hongkong, Jan. 15th, 1928.

cards a club and West has already done so, both North's clubs are good. If West has discarded a spade, North wins the last two tricks with the ace of clubs and the nine of spades. If East discards his heart, South wins the next trick with the four of hearts and North the last trick with the ace of clubs.

Although the squeeze on both East and West at the same time is interesting, of equal interest is North's play of the seven of diamonds on the first trick. If the three were played instead, North would be forced to win East's diamond return. Then no matter what North leads, East and West will easily win another trick. The puzzle also is defeated if the club, or any card other than the ten of diamonds is opened.

The Very Idea!

The world-wide revolt against strait-laced "kill-joys" proceeds apace, declares the London Morning Post. Not so many years ago the "Pussyfoot" Prohibitionists, flushed with their victory in America, were busy painting the map of the busy grey; but their conquests were short-lived. Today there are only two "dry" countries left—the United States and Finland. Canada, which was at one time all "dry," quickly repented of her folly; Australia and New Zealand have both definitely refused to give up their freedom; and, nearer home, Scotland has given short shrift to the specious arguments advanced by local-opinionists.

Switzerland has now registered another victory for common-sense against the unnatural suppression of an essentially human pastime. In a national referendum, the proposal to permit by law jeux de hasard in casinos has been carried by 290,000 votes to 260,000. The individual Cantons are now in a position to authorise gambling, and there is little doubt that the main centres of tourists' traffic will quickly re-establish their tables. It is reported that stakes will be restricted to two francs, and that a quarter of the profits will go to the Federal Treasury for charitable purposes. The "play-ground of Europe" will hardly regret adding to the attraction of winter sports and mountain-climbing the facilities for holiday-makers to "try their luck" at the tables.

Little Tommy had been sent to the grocer's to make some purchases for his mother.

The shop was crowded out with customers when the boy arrived, but he managed to wriggle his way up to the counter, and said in a loud voice:—"Please serve me quick; it's for Dad's dinner!"

The man behind the counter knew the lad by sight.

"What do you want, sonny?" he asked.

"Two bars of soap and a packet of washing powder!" answered little Tommy, who was anxious to be on his way.

The Civil Servant.
When I am dead
no doubt they'll drap
the hearse I ride in
with red tape,
and docket me with
miles and miles
of other "Please Bring Forward"
files.

And he who keeps
the Registry,
will take a casual
glance at me,
and, having paused a
moment, say,
"The usual marking!
Put away."

—Humbert Wolff in The Spectator.

Mr. Registrar Friend, to a woman speaking for her husband at Clerkenwell County Court—You are a very good wife. The woman—Yes, I know I am.

Motorist, at Bow County Court—If policemen would keep to their proper work, collecting stray dogs, and not estimate motoring speed it would be better.

A lady in Madras who was about to sail for England feared that in her absence her Irish terrier, Paddy, might not be properly cared for, especially as her husband was frequently out in the district "on tour." Consequently she arranged with a friend in Bangalore to take care of Paddy till she should return to India.

Her husband accompanied her as far as Bangalore, and Paddy, after an absorbing journey, was safely installed with charpoy, chuddar, and basin in his new home. The next morning his mistress resumed her journey to Bombay, and her husband returned to Madras.

Thirty-six hours later "Master" was electrified, when an exhausted little Irish terrier flung himself at his feet, his paws raw and bleeding.

He had been seen racing along the railway track, at various places along the route between Bangalore and Madras, a distance of roughly two hundred and fifty miles or thereabouts.

Haggis, oddly enough, was originally a French dish. The Scots nationalised it by the simple expedient of drinking whisky with it! However that may be, says a writer in a Home paper, it would seem that the Scots are the only people who have retained the taste for it. Yet there are very few Scots in London who eat it on more than one or two occasions in the year, such as St. Andrew's Day and Hogmanay. Among those who do eat it regularly and frequently is Lord Dunsany. Wherever he may happen to be, he eats it every Friday.

FAILED TO REPORT SMALL-POX.

PARENT REPRIMANDED BY
MAGISTRATE.

TWO CHILDREN SUFFER

When the principal tenant of No. 6 Fook Look Lane, second floor, was summoned this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell for failing to notify a case of small-pox, he pleaded that he was away in the country at the time and that immediately on his discovering the existence of a case in his house, he told the patient's father to notify the authorities.

His Worship replied that as principal tenant it was up to the defendant to make the report.

Defendant replied that the sufferer was a child and that the child's parents were twice asked by him to notify the authorities.

The child's father, who was in Court, then came forward when the following transpired between him and the Magistrate:

His Worship:—Why did you not report the case?

The father:—I saw that the boy was well on the way to recovery. It did not occur to me to think about anybody else in the house then?—I did not report because the boy was getting better.

Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, who was in Court, prosecuting said at this stage:—This is just the very point. I want to raise. Owing to his not notifying the first case, this man's second child is now suffering from small-pox.

His Worship:—Did the first child die?

Dr. Pope:—No. The first one, as he said, is recovering. Owing to neglect, however, the second child is down with small-pox. That is just the point that I want emphasised.

His Worship (addressing the parent):—It receded on your own head apparently. I understand your second child is in hospital?

The parent:—They have both since recovered.

His Worship:—You are pretty lucky. Owing to the fact that you did not report, the second child was not vaccinated, nor was your house disinfected.

Dr. Pope observed that the parent was lucky that the children were not dead or blind.

Addressing the defendant, Mr. Lindell said:—The law says you are responsible and I shall fine you \$20.

To the parent, Mr. Lindell added:—You as father are morally responsible for paying that.

LOCAL COMPOSERS.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME LAST NIGHT.

That Hongkong has in its midst capable composers as well as ex-cantants was demonstrated at a concert given in aid of charity at the Helena May Institute last night, when a programme consisting wholly of the work of local people was given to a large and appreciative audience.

The programme opened with variations and fugue on a theme by Beethoven for two pianos, in which the artists were Mr. Harry Ore (the composer) and Miss Bonenfant. This was a difficult work, admirably interpreted.

Then followed three songs written by Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith, sung by his wife to his own accompaniment. These were quite tuneful and they were splendidly rendered.

Mr. Harry Ore was next heard in a group of piano transcriptions of Cantonese songs from his own pen. The composer's musical genius was well illustrated in these unorthodox offerings, which created an excellent impression.

M. and Mme. Bonenfant were associated in a cello and piano duet, an elegy, written by Mr. Harry Ore. This number was much enjoyed.

Mme. Bonenfant's brilliance as a pianist was well illustrated in three Preludes by Lieut.-Col. P. A. Cardew, each of which was of distinct merit, whilst in Captain J. L. P. Macnair's well-conceived Barcarolle in A Flat she was equally at home.

The programme concluded with an ambitious work of Lieut.-Col. Cardew's, namely Trio in A Minor for pianoforte, violin and viola cello, in which the artists were Mme. Bonenfant, Captain Macnair and M. Bonenfant. This was a fine piece of work very well interpreted and drew rounds of applause from the audience.

Although it is some months since a valuable diamond and platinum bracelet was found in a gutter in North London, no owner has yet been traced, despite every effort on the part of the police.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS OFFICIAL.

M. AVENOL MAKING VISIT
TO CANTON.

GOVERNOR HERE.

An important mission to Canton, having to do, it is said, with the new relations created by the Treaty policy of the National Government of Nanking, is being made by a French official of the League of Nations, M. Avenol, who is designated as Joint Secretary of the League, arrived in Hongkong yesterday by the M.M. Sphinx, and preparations are being made for his reception by official circles in Canton.

M. Avenol was met on arrival here by a committee of reception sent down from Canton to accompany the official back to Canton, where his arrival is eagerly awaited.

M. Avenol is accompanied by Mr. Wu Sao-fong, one of the Chinese representatives on the League Council, and by his Secretary, Mademoiselle Jaunay. M. Bonnet, a French member of the League, is also in the party of League officials who are making the visit to the Kwantung capital. Included in the number of distinguished passengers who called here from the M.M. Sphinx, was M. Blanchard de la Brosse, one-time Administrator of the French leased territory of Kwang-Chow-Wan, and now Governor of French Cochinchina, a Colony included within the Union of French Indo-China. M. Blanchard de la Brosse who is proceeding home on leave will be calling at Shanghai en voyage.

Opportunity was taken during M. Blanchard de la Brosse's short stay in port yesterday, before continuing his voyage to Shanghai on the French mailboat, for the holding of a complimentary function, this taking the form of a dinner-party at the residence of the French Consul, M. Dufauré de la Prade. His Excellency the Governor and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops in South China, with Mrs. Laird and Miss Laird, were present, in addition to the Governor of Cochinchina and Consul and Madame Dufauré de la Prade.

CANTON AMATEUR DRAMATICS.

"SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."

The foreign members of the staff of the Lingnan University on Monday evening presented at the Morrison Institute, the Y.M.C.A., Canton, Oliver Goldsmith's famous play "She Stoops to Conquer," or "The Mistake of a Night." A very large audience was present, the greater part of whom were Chinese. The hall is one of the finest in Canton and has seating accommodation for 1,200 people.

The play was extremely well presented, and Miss Renna R. Raeburn and all those who assisted her are to be congratulated on their success. The play had already been produced at the Lingnan University on Friday and Saturday last, and Monday's was the last performance.

The acting was extremely good all round, though to the few Britishers present it struck rather a funny note to hear Old English characters speaking with a broad American accent! Mrs. F. A. McClure, as Kate Hardcastle, was especially American. Dr. S. P. Spencer made an excellent Tony Lumpkin; Miss Renna R. Raeburn was most entrancing as Constance Neville; and Mr. P. A. Grieler made a most convincing Charles Marlow.

Those responsible for the play were:—Miss Renna R. Raeburn, producer; Mr. Hoh Shai-kwong, stage manager; Mr. C. E. Rankin, business manager; Mrs. Mary U. Hall, Mrs. C. E. Rankin and Mrs. C. N. Laird, Costumes Committee. They were ably assisted by Dr. Chan Shau-yi, Mr. Hung Kwan and Mr. Hoh Hung-kam. The Costumes Committee should especially be congratulated on their excellent work, the dresses being really beautiful.

The cast was as follows:—Mrs. Hardcastle, Miss Helen Hostetter; Mr. Hardcastle, Mr. J. J. Jenkins; Tony Lumpkin, Dr. S. P. Spencer; Kate Hardcastle, Mrs. F. A. McClure; Constance Neville, Miss Renna R. Raeburn; Dick Muggins, Mr. W. Krebs; Jack Slings, Dr. E. Hartman; Aminadab, Mr. W. Sommerlatt; Slingo, Mr. H. B. Refo; Charles Marlow, Mr. P. A. Grieler; George Hastings, Mr. F. A. McClure; Diggorry, Mr. W. Sommerlatt; Roger, Dr. E. Hartman; Thomas, Mr. H. C. Brownell; Dimple, Miss Gladys Lee; Sir Charles Marlow, Mr. C. E. Rankin.

The play is full of amusing situations which are made the most of, both the acting and the producing being extremely good.

—Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH INDUSTRY FAIR.

AN UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND
FOR SPACE.

SUCCESS ASSURED.

London, Jan. 15. The prospect for the British Industries fair, which will be held from February 18th to March 1st, are extremely satisfactory.

At the 'White City' in London, almost every branch of British industry will be represented. The machinery section is to be shown concurrently at Birmingham.

The Fair at the White City will be the largest of its kind ever held in this country.

The original estimate of accommodation required was 280,000 square feet. At last year's fair, 250,000 square feet was let to exhibitors. The total space booked this year is over 300,000 square feet.

The demand for space at Birmingham has been so great that the whole of the available area in the Exhibition buildings, 200,720 square feet, was soon let and the authorities had to prepare rapidly an open-air section for such exhibits as road-making apparatus, tractors, agricultural buildings and the like.

As regards buyers, the situation is equally satisfactory. The number of overseas firms which have informed the Overseas Trade Department that they will be represented at the Fair is over six times as many as at the corresponding date last year, when only 110 firms had the accepted invitation, though the actual number who attended was 1,953. At present, close on 700 acceptances have been received, so that the overseas buyers attending the Fair should be considerably in excess of last year's number.—British Wireless.

On completion of her first trip to Kongsmoon and return, the s.s. Paul Beau reports a change in personnel. Chief Engineer Mundy and Second Engineer Englebrecht have been relieved by Mr. D. Campbell and J. Leach, respectively.

TO-DAY'S TRAINING TIMES.

With the Annual Race Meeting only six weeks ahead, keen interest is being shown by owners in the doings of their stable during the early morning gallops.

There are in training over thirty ponies which are griffins and as such are likely to be entered for the Derby. In addition to this, over seventy subscription griffins are undergoing preparation, and some of them are showing very promising signs. A host of old ponies is also in training and as the champion generally comes from this class, their activities and progress are being closely watched.

Quite a number, not only of owners and trainers, but of members of the Jockey Club and supporters of the different stables, line the rails at the Race Course every Wednesday and Saturday morning, when the ponies are galloped. To date, about half a dozen of the subs have shown that they rank amongst the season's best and in this class there is promise of some very fine sport. The Ape, The Pleasant, The Plamigan, Madcap, Tornado and Thunderbolt are some of the names of those who will undoubtedly do well in the forthcoming races.

Of the griffins, none has been really stretched, but there is reason to believe that as a group, the Derby entries of this year are of a much higher class than those of the past few years.

Some of the times "clocked" this morning are given below:—

Pony	Dis.	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	6th Qr.	Last Qr.
Banning (O)	1/2	35.2	1.11.3	1.41.3	—	—	—	30
Gala Eve (B) & Twilight Eve (B)	1/2	41	1.16.2	1.50	—	—	—	31.3
Tanale (O)	1/2	36.2	1.13	1.45.2	—	—	—	32.2
Duke of Milan (B) & Duke of Normandy (B)	1/2	40	1.15	1.45.3	—	—	—	33.3
Peck (O)	1/2	40.3	1.15.3	1.53	—	—	—	34.2
Bakers Bay (O)	1/2	43	1.24.4	1.59.4	—	—	—	35
Fifty Fifty (O)	1/2	38.2	1.17	1.49.2	—	—	—	32.2
The Ape (S)	1/2	34	1.05.2	—	—	—	—	31.2
Glorious Stag (D)	1/2	48	1.22.5	2.00	2.34.2	—	—	34.2
Grand Tattoo Eve (D)	1/2	35	1.09.2	1.41.1	—	—	—	31.4
Peppercorn (D)	1/2	39	1.14.2	1.46.1	—	—	—	31.4
King's Consul (D)	1/2	39	1.15	1.51	2.31	2.53.2	3.25.1	32.4
Elliot Jay (O)	1/2	36	1.09	1.41	—	—	—	32
Skin Fast (B) & Nookhill (B)	1/2	41.3	1.21.3	1.59	—	—	—	36.2
Pickle (O) & Peterkin (D)	1/2	41.3	1.20.3	1.53	2.32.2	3.03.2	—	31
Duke of Chantilly (D)	1/2	39	1.17	1.50.2	—	—	—	32.3
Green Jade (B) & White Jade (B)	1/2	48	—	2.00	2.35	—	—	31.4
Scatman (B) & Sopron (B)	1/2	42	1.18.3	1.50.2	—	—	—	31.4
Sitting Bull (O)	1/2	37.3	1.14.3	1.48.4	—	—	—	34.1
Blue Danube (D)	1/2	40	1.17.3	1.50	—	—	—	32.3
Loch Aish (B) False Alarm (B)	1/2	—	1.28	2.04	2.40.2	—	—	35.3
Loch Elvie	1/2	—	1.26	2.05.2	2.39	—	—	32.3
Loch Day (B) Silver Stag (B)	1/2	48	1.26	2.05.2	2.39	—	—	32.3
Loch Protector (D) & King's Courier (D)	1/2	44	1.24	2.12	2.51	3.32.4	4.08	32.1
Fupara (B) & Punclo (B)	1/2	47	1.27	2.05	2.39.3	—	—	34.3
Bright Prospect (O)	1/2	41	1.22	1.59.3	2.30.3	—	—	32
Birthday Eve (B) & Eclipse Eve (B)	1/2	42	1.21	1.55.2	2.29.3	—	—	34.1
Bluff Jacket (B)	1/2	35.4	1.10	—	—	—	—	31
Bluehill Day (D) & Freuchman Day (D)	1/2	48	1.31	1.45	2.18.4	—	—	33.4
Duke of Melrose (B)	1/2	39	1.15	1.50.4	2.21.1	—	—	32.4
Sunny Day (B) Flying Stag (B)	1/2	42	1.18	1.50	—	—	—	32
The Jamaica (B) & The Pleasant (B)	1/2	44	1.50.3	1.53	2.28	—	—	35
Chesapeake Bay (O)	1/2	37	1.18.1	1.44.3	—	—	—	31.3
Nestor (B) & Day Brest (B)	1/2	45	1.27	2.09.3	2.49.3	3.25	—	35.3
King's Falloch, King's Parade and Anabala (B)	1/2	54	1.48.3	2.25.3	3.01	3.45	4.20	35
Cool Day (O)	1/2	43	1.39	1.55	2.37	3.11.1	—	34.1
Dark Eyes (B)	1/2	47	—	2.06.2	2.41	—	—	34.3
Fat Chop (B)	1/2	41	1.19	—	—	—	—	32
Pumpkin (B) & The Plamigan	1/2	40	1.21	1.58	2.35	—	—	37
Half Pint (B) & Tornado (B)	1/2	43	1.20.3	1.59.3	—	—	—	34
Marcus (B) & Nero (B)	1/2	40	1.16.3	1.52.3	—	—	—	35.1

(All gallops were on the sand track.)

WORLD SHIPPING FIGURES.

BRITAIN BUILDING NEARLY
HALF OF TONNAGE.

MORE MOTOR SHIPS.

London, Jan. 15. Lloyds Register reports that shipping under construction at the end of December in the British Isles showed an increase of 153,000 tons, compared with September, although the present total of 1,242,000 tons is 336,000 tons fewer than at the end of 1927.

The average tonnage constructed for the six years 1923-1928 only amounted to 1,220,000 tons, compared with an average of 2,000,000 tons in 1913.

About 115,000 tons of the new tonnage now in hand in Britain is intended for the British Dominions.

The tonnage being constructed abroad is 1,376,000 tons, this being 56,000 tons lower than in September, but it exceeds by 132,000 tons the tonnage being built in the British Isles.

Four countries abroad have more than a hundred vessels under construction, these being Germany (382), Holland (182), France (161) and Japan (118).

The total tonnage under construction throughout the world is 2,618,000 tons, of which 47 1/2 per cent. are being built in the British Isles, compared with a pre-war percentage of 57.

A reduction is again shown in the tanker tonnage under construction, compared with 1927.

The tonnage of motor ships being constructed in the British Isles is still less than the tonnage of steamers.

The world figures for motor ships under construction exceed by 134,000 tons the similar total for steam tonnage.—Reuter.

COUNT CHINDA, DEAD.

Tokyo, Jan. 16. The death is reported of Count Suteki Chinda, the Lord Chamberlain.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI OPIUM DEN ARRESTS.

THREE FOREIGNERS FIGURE IN
COURT CASE.

BRITISHER INCLUDED.

Shanghai, Jan. 10. A case rivaling De Quincey's account of the opium addict has come to light in the Provisional Court as the sequel to a police raid on an opium den in the Hongkew District on Tuesday afternoon when three foreigners were among the smokers taken into custody.

The raid was led by Inspectors Hermitage and Wainwright at 153 North Szechuen Road shortly after 3 p.m. on Tuesday. In two dimly-lit rooms and amid squalid surroundings, they came across a number of smokers who were said to have been in that drowsy state when even the intervention of the police did not matter. A number of opium pipes, lamps and other paraphernalia were confiscated and 12 arrests were made.

At the Provisional Court yesterday, seven Chinese and three foreigners were convicted on a charge of assembling for the purpose of smoking opium and fined \$40 each. Another Chinese was fined \$50 for conducting the opium den.

Britisher's Story.

Charles Maitland, unrecognized Britisher, who was one of the three foreigners, told the court that he was living in Chinese territory. "I used to be employed," he said, "but I am now ill and unemployed. I went to the place to find a Chinese friend and was not lying or crouching on a bench."

Cross-examined, he admitted that he had been charged before at the British Court but declared that he was finally dismissed. Under examination by the bench, defendant admitted that he had been convicted for fighting. Three previous convictions were recorded against him and he had nothing further to say.

The second foreigner, Leon Rabichoff, a Turk hotel proprietor of 2 Yuhang Road, pleaded that he was not an addict and had visited that place out of curiosity and because he wanted to get some snaps of the inside of a real opium den. A Russian photographer, of Bubbling Well Road, was the third foreigner accused. He also related that he had visited the place to get some good snaps of an opium den. He had also visited the place a week before the raid, he said, and taken some snaps and had gone there on the occasion of the raid to show some of the negatives to some Chinese and take more photos.

Story Discredited.

Inspector Hermitage asserted that he was positive when the raid was made that the Turk and the Russian were lying on the opium couch with the usual paraphernalia between them including a lighted lamp. The photographer, then insisted that he was not a smoker and asked the judge to take a good look at him and say whether it revealed the usual wrinkles found on the faces of opium addicts. He was a dealer in photos, he said, and wanted some really good photos of an opium den to convert into post-card size for subsequent sale in his shop. He was a specialist in interesting photos depicting the Chinese people and their vices. His story, however, was discredited.

Mr. Ge Tsou-gee, appearing for the Chinese charged with conducting the den, declared that it was a case of mistaken identity. His client was only a frequenter of the place he said and was not the man who was running it who, counsel added, was absent from the den at the time.

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Madrid	124.15
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Bucharest	124.15
Rio	124.15
Buenos Aires	124.15
Bombay	124.15
Shanghai	124.15
Hongkong	124.15
Yokohama	124.15
Silver (spot)	124.15
Silver (forward)	124.15

—British Wireless.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows 17 cases of small-pox, all Chinese, of which ten were from Hongkong, six from Kowloon and one from Shaukiwan. There were also reported a Portuguese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

Fielding sides in the first half of last Saturday's matches, had a gruelling time under a burning sun with hardly any breeze at all from two to four o'clock. The weather resembled more that of a July afternoon than a day in mid-winter and there was an usual demand for water to be brought out at frequent intervals to revive the parched fielders.

Four batsmen had the distinction of scoring centuries—three of these being in League fixtures—which, I think, constitute a record for Saturday afternoon matches.

One game out of three in the Senior Division was brought to a definite conclusion and in this Kowloon were fortunate to win, although they held the upper hand all the time, as the game was not lost by the Navy until the last over of the day. The Senior Service, with an uphill fight all the way, retaliated gallantly. Simms, Watch and Water made the Kowloon bowling look easy and if they had a little support from the others would have retained a point for the Navy.

Brace, in one of his most brilliant moods, scored 108 not out and, of course, paved the way to the big total of 203 for four put up by the K.C.C.

The Civil Service v Indian R.C. match at Happy Valley was not by any means so much a one-sided affair for the home team as the scores might suggest. Sayer's century was not without blemish, but it was an innings typical of his own forceful style. After getting 50 without giving a chance, he was dropped quite a few times and one or two of the catches were positively "stiffers."

The Indians must polish up their fielding; last week's exhibition was unusually patchy for them, if they want to keep down the runs against them in future matches. Madar and A. R. Minu, both of whom passed the half century mark, raised the hopes of their supporters when they became associated for the fourth wicket and brought the score from 14 to 90 odd. The latter's fireworks display delighted the spectators, but Madar's innings was the more praiseworthy. While to all appearances deliberately feeding the hard hitter, Madar was also scoring freely, chiefly with his favourite stroke past cover. Towards the close, Civil Service were again very much on top but stubborn defence by the last Indian pair robbed them of two valuable points.

The Club were decidedly unlucky to draw with C.C.C. but to get 169 in about 90 minutes is none too easy a task. Nobody was to blame, however, as Craig-gower could not very well declare any sooner with their comparatively small score against a strong batting side. Bradbury, D. Rumjahn and Oliver, going in late, were largely responsible for the total of 168 compiled by their team.

The Club batsmen went in to force a victory. Never at any time in danger of losing, they had to admit that batting with an eye on the clock, so to speak, on that day, was a little beyond their capability, although they have several batsmen in their ranks who have previously been seen to rise to the occasion under somewhat similar circumstances.

Despite a fairly useful total of 148, Club de Recreio were severely trounced by the University in the Junior League. The earlier Portuguese bats did well, but those who followed on found the smart fielding of the Under-graduates rather hard to contend with. Kermani signalled his return to the 'Varsity 2nd XI by scoring a century. I believe that it was originally intended to play him behind the sticks this season in the senior team, vice Hong Shing, but a new arrival has displaced him.

Civil Service juniors gave the Indian 2nd XI a good run for their money at Sookumpoo; in fact, it looked odds on the visitors winning until Mohamed and A. S. Suffad became set. As it turned out the Indians, who are at the head of this Division, just managed to turn the tables on their opponents with about three minutes to spare. The spoils went to R.A.S.C. when they visited Electric R.C.

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

CATHOLIC UNION WINS FRIENDLY GAME.

A friendly billiards match took place last night at the Catholic Union Club, between the St. Patrick's Club and the Catholic Union, and resulted in a win for the Catholic Union, by a margin of 133 points. P. O. Brydie made a 40 break for the losers and Mr. C. F. Vas 65 for the winners. Scores:

St. Patrick's	
W. Graham	150
T. James	93
C. Brydie	160
C. Moulder	188
F. M. Cruz	98
L. E. Remedios	123
	762

Catholic Union.

J. M. V. Ribeiro	140
A. A. M. Rodrigues	150
A. J. M. Rodrigues Jr.	145
M. A. Baptista	150
C. F. Vas	150
S. M. Cruz Jr.	150
	895

Lieutenants F.M.B. Beasley and P. C. P. Thomas have been appointed to H.M.S. Hermes.

Pte. Fry followed up his good work of a week ago when he took seven wickets cheaply against Civil Service which included a "hat trick," by capturing eight for 37.

LOCAL SOCCER.

INTERPORT "TEAM" BEATEN BY THE ARMY.

Only six of the men selected to play in the second Interport Trial game lined out yesterday on the H.K.F.C. ground to oppose a team of Army players. Larkin, Hill and Oram joined the selected players, and the game started with nine players against a full Army side. Goldman, Suen Kum-shun, Cross, Remedios and Brown were the absentees.

The play on the whole was scrappy. The only goal of the first half was scored by Barclay, who headed a fine goal from a centre by Caldwell. Early in the second half, Caldwell sent in a shot from near the touchline and Clarke misjudged the flight of the ball, which entered the net and put the Army two up.

Au Kit-sang and Alexander later completed the selected team. A shot from Alexander was deflected to the crossbar by Mott, and a struggle on the goal line ended when Gosano sent the ball into the net.

Very few spectators were present in the stand throughout the game. To-day's Football.

Hongkong League, Division I, Kick off 4 p.m.

R.A. v. Queen's, Sookumpoo, referee L. S. B. A. Aldinson.

Police v. S. China, Kowloon F. C. ground, referee P. O. Cowan.

At Sookumpoo, the Queen's should win against the R.A. The Queen's have fallen off lately and have struck a bad patch. They are putting up good football but fail to score goals. The Gunners should give them a good game, and with Leach in the attack may secure a point.

On the Railway ground, the Police receive South China. This match should be a great draw for the Peninsula. As recently as Saturday last, South China beat the Police by two goals to nil, a performance that should be repeated to-day.

Owing to the absence of the defendant in a summons taken out by Mrs. M. Lyon, of No. 140, Caine Road, against a Chinese, Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, adjourned the case sine die, as there was some doubts of the summons having been properly served. The defendant was accused of assault, using abusive language and threatening to stab the complainant.



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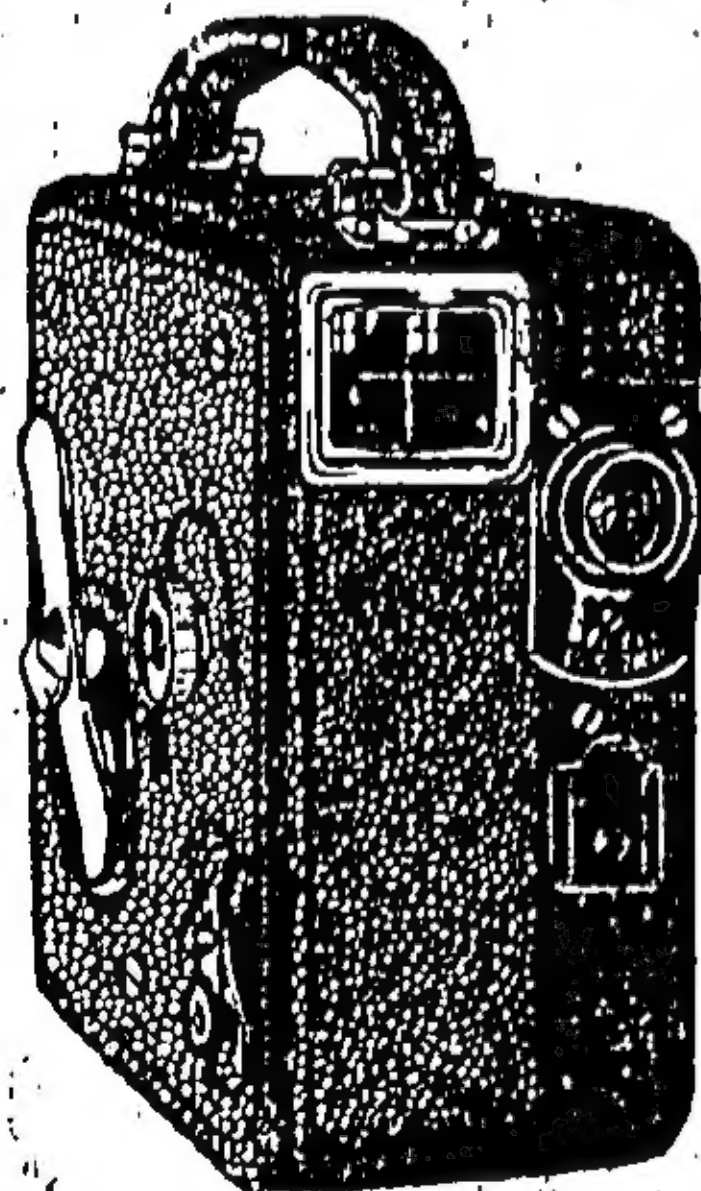
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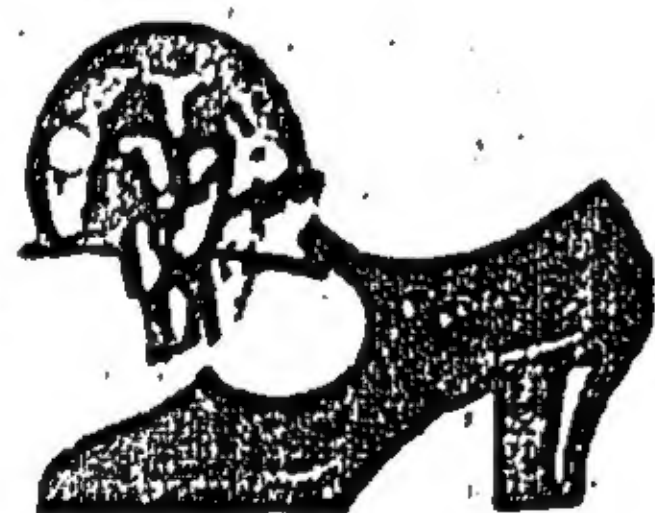
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By Dorothea Corbould.

CHAPTER V. (Continued).

Elizabeth took the proffered hand and shook it limply.

"I am glad to meet you," she said coldly, "but I am afraid you won't find me a very genial acquaintance. I have never had any girl friends."

"Oh, laughed the other, *vous allons changer tout cela*," Myra's French accent, though she prided herself on it, was by no means good, and a half smile showed Elizabeth's beautiful teeth for a moment. She herself spoke French and German fluently. "I am sure we shall get on excellently well together. I want everyone who likes John to like me," with a little adoring glance at him which made Elizabeth long to box her ears. "You are very clever, I hear, and play the piano like a professional," Myra went on. "I adore clever people, perhaps because I am rather stupid myself."

"I dare say you are quite as clever as I am," was the reply. "I love music—it was my dearest wish to be a professional."

Myra looked rather astonished, but at this juncture Miss Sheldon proposed that they should go indoors and that Elizabeth should play for them.

Somewhat to her guardian's surprise, the latter made no demur, and her playing that evening was a thing to be remembered. John Sheldon, as I said before, had no knowledge or appreciation of any music except a "catchy" tune which appeared to him, but he always felt, when his ward was playing as if she stirred some chord within him which responded to those she played. She seemed to him now to be telling him she was sorry and asking for forgiveness—so sweetly and so beautifully the "Schlummerlied," with which she ended; and as she rose from the piano and passed him standing by the window, he suddenly laid his hand on her shoulder and said softly:

"Thank you, Elizabeth, I don't care for music as a rule, but I always like yours."

And Elizabeth knew then that they were friends again.

"I wish I could play like that!" Myra said regretfully, "but I'm like Jack, I don't care for music, and it's an awful grind having to practise every day."

As John was escorting her home, Miss Gayle took occasion to remark rather spitefully upon his ward's lack of good looks. To her surprise, however, her fiancée's reply was dubious.

"Do you know," he said, "I don't believe she'd be half bad-looking if she dressed herself better. She has some good points—pretty hands and feet and a nice speaking voice, good teeth, too—"

Which eulogium effectually stopped any further reference to Elizabeth Hyde, and Myra's good-night to her lover lapsed much of its accustomed warmth, making him wonder how he had offended.

That night, before she went to bed, Elizabeth did a thing she had never done before. She sat at her dressing-table and gazed long and critically at herself in the glass.

"You're not good-looking, my dear, indeed you're ugly," she murmured to her reflection in the tell-tale mirror, "but I believe if you made the best of yourself, which you don't, you might improve, for your eyes are not so bad, and though your features are irregular, not to say blunt, your complexion would be passable if you took care of it. You've good teeth, too, and they're your own—at present. Your hair, too, is a nice colour, only you want it properly cut and waved like that Gayle girl's. A straight, shingled top doesn't suit you, or anyone for that matter—makes one look like a heathen Chinese. Then I don't wear my clothes like Miss Gayle—that frock I had on this evening cost seventy-five dollars in New York, but it hangs badly, or something. It is no use my consulting Aunt Lucy, she's so terribly old-fashioned—thinks the modern style of dress 'unseemly,' that was her word—and immodest. Certainly Myra Gayle's frock was awfully short, but then she'd such lovely silk stockings and smart shoes. I'm sure my feet are no bigger than hers; but my footgear leaves much to be desired. However, don't for one moment imagine you can make a beauty of yourself, Elizabeth Hyde, but you might improve, and by the shades of Venus—you shall!"

"John," Elizabeth said at breakfast next morning. "I want to go to London!"

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"Yes, no doubt, if I want it shaved to the bone, but I should like to have it done properly and waved like Miss Gayle's."

"I see"—John with difficulty repressed a smile—"but, as a matter of fact, I don't admire the way Myra does her hair. I often tell

her so. I hate this shingle fashion!"

"I daresay, most out-of-date people do, but as my hair has already been cut short, I may as well make the best of it. Therefore to 'return' to our muttons, as the French say. By the bye, why does Miss Gayle speak French with that awful accent? When will it suit you to take me to town for the day?"

There was a moment's pause. John was thinking to himself that as Elizabeth had presumably recovered her temper, and even after meeting Myra—a fact which promised well for the future—it would be a pity to risk the chance of another outburst.

He remembered, too, that yesterday his fiancée had signified her intention of getting her mother to go up to London for the day if Mrs. Gayle, whose role was that of a confirmed invalid, was well enough to stand the fatigue. Why should she not be invited to make a third? He was sure her mother would trust her to his care.

"Well, it might be managed," he replied at length. "Myra was saying she wanted to go, and was going to ask her mother to take her. We might all go together, she and you and I, and we could do a matinee, perhaps. You wouldn't care to go, Aunt Lucy, would you?"

"I think not, John; I am so nervous of London. The last time I went with your dear father I said I would never venture again. You and the girls will get on better without a nervous, fidgety old woman!"

Meanwhile, Elizabeth was battling with herself to conceal the angry disappointment she felt at having to share her anticipated pleasure of going to London with her guardian with Myra Gayle. But she had prayed last night for patience, and made many good resolves to keep her temper for the future, under a better control. Therefore it would not do to begin so soon to break them.

"What day can we go?" she asked.

"Well, I am not very busy just now. I might arrange with Bringle to take over one or two matters to-morrow, if you can let Myra know when you see her this afternoon. We must catch the 8.50 train to Victoria."

"All right. I'll settle it," Elizabeth's voice sounded quite cheerful, and John heaved a sigh of relief. Truth to tell, he had become so accustomed to his aunt's calm, even temper, that Elizabeth's angry mood of the last two days had got on his nerves—that and certain business worries added to it. He felt quite elated now at the thought of a day's absence from his office, and of spending that day in Myra's company, even with the drawback of a third person's presence, and that person a probably unwilling and unsympathetic "gooseberry."

Elizabeth duly acquainted Myra Gayle with the proposed expedition to London next day when the two met at the tennis club, where Elizabeth was to be the guest of Miss Gayle at tea, and invited her to join herself and John, an invitation which was promptly accepted.

"Of course I shall be delighted to go," Myra said. "John knew I wanted a day in town badly, and I felt sure he would try and arrange it, because I hadn't time to do my shopping before I came home."

"Well, as a matter of fact, the arrangement is mine," Elizabeth replied. "I asked John to take me, and then he remembered having your own—at present. Your hair, too, is a nice colour, only you want it properly cut and waved like that Gayle girl's. A straight, shingled top doesn't suit you, or anyone for that matter—makes one look like a heathen Chinese. Then I don't wear my clothes like Miss Gayle—that frock I had on this evening cost seventy-five dollars in New York, but it hangs badly, or something. It is no use my consulting Aunt Lucy, she's so terribly old-fashioned—thinks the modern style of dress 'unseemly,' that was her word—and immodest. Certainly Myra Gayle's frock was awfully short, but then she'd such lovely silk stockings and smart shoes. I'm sure my feet are no bigger than hers; but my footgear leaves much to be desired. However, don't for one moment imagine you can make a beauty of yourself, Elizabeth Hyde, but you might improve, and by the shades of Venus—you shall!"

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Other features of the programme are a local news reel, a Fox film of current events, an Inkwell cartoon and a Hal Roach comedy, these adding much to the variety of the offerings.

The Committee of the Hongkong A.D.C. announce with regret that through unavoidable circumstances they have been compelled to postpone the production of "On Approval." It is impossible yet to announce the opening night as this depends on theatre bookings by travelling companies. The date will, however, be fixed as soon as possible.

frocks and hats, gloves, shoes and expensive silk stockings, for she had excellent taste and loved buying nice clothes, even though they were to adorn the person of another girl towards whom she could not help feeling envy, hatred, and all uncharitableness as she witnessed Elizabeth's reckless expenditure.

Their last call was at the hairdresser's, and as Myra suggested Truffs, and they were close by, they walked down Regent Street, pausing every now and then to look at the shops, Elizabeth never having been in this fascinating locality before.

As they were admiring some lovely specimens of lace displayed in one window, Myra suddenly found her arm clutched by Elizabeth, as a man's voice close beside them said:

"How do you do, Miss Hyde?"

This is indeed an unexpected pleasure to meet you in London, of all places! I hope you are well, and that you like the change to England."

Too well Elizabeth knew that voice, and turned to meet the smiling glance of her bete noir—the man she hated above every created being—Austin Melford.

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GIRL'S ORDEAL AS HINDU'S WIFE.

MINISTER'S DAUGHTER WHO WED AT 17.

A schoolgirl of 17, who fell in love with and married a Hindu, sought a declaration of nullity in the Edinburgh Court of Session recently.

Judgment was given for the wife, Freda Helen Lendrum, otherwise Chakravarti, residing at St. Margaret's Manse, Fairlie, Ayrshire, the daughter of a minister of the United Free Church of Scotland, against Sukumar Chakravarti, whose last known address was in Calcutta.

Lord Mackay, giving judgment, said that in 1918 the plaintiff, then a schoolgirl of 16 or 17, spent her holiday in war munition work and met Chakravarti, a Hindu.

Journey to India.

They were married according to the Presbyterian form in August 1918.

The girl joined Chakravarti in India in November 1919, but returned in 1922 in disgust at the conditions she had to face.

Later she went back to her husband, and, after various hardships incidental to her position as the wife of a Hindu, she finally left him in September 1925.

Lord Mackay said that marriage between Hindus and non-Hindus was not recognised by Hindu law. This particular marriage was good in Scotland and probably in all the rest of the world except India.

Girl's Belief.

It was perfectly plain that this young girl believed that the contract into which she was entering would give her all the legal rights of a wife in India.

Chakravarti must be presumed to have known the law of his own land and that the marriage would be invalid in the place in which they were going to live.

Lord Mackay said that though he felt hesitation and difficulty, he was prepared to hold that the marriage failed because of a substantial error on the part of the wife induced by the husband.

THE MUKDEN COUP.

A STRUGGLE FOR POWER ANTICIPATED.

Tokyo, Jan. 15.

It is learned that the Japanese Consul General at Mukden has been instructed to question General Chang Hsueh-ling on the circumstances of General Yang Yung-tung's execution and also whether disturbances are expected to result therefrom. No reply has thus far been received.

It is feared in some quarters that a struggle for power is likely to take place, resulting in an outbreak of disturbances endangering the peace of Manchuria.

—Reuter.

BELGIAN CONCESSION.

CHINESE SEEKING RETURN OF TIENTSIN AREA.

Shanghai, Jan. 15.

The Kuomintang News Agency correspondent at Tientsin reports that "under instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Huang Yu-fa is carrying on negotiations with the local Belgian authorities for the retrocession of the Belgian Concession in Tientsin."

—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF.

To go from HATE to LOVE isn't so hard, after all. At any rate it's a par three here.

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4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

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A JUDGE ON ENGLISH.

MR. JUSTICE HORRIDGE AND "SHOCKING EXAMPLE."

During the hearing of a case in the King's Bench Division a document which was put in contained the words: "They or neither of them are liable." This was referred to by Mr. Justice Horridge as an example of "really shocking English."

It was quite obvious, he said, that the words could not be construed as meaning what they were intended to mean, and he suggested that the sentence ought to read "They are not, nor is either of them, liable."

Shortly after the Judge had made this comment a barrister said that there was apparently a suggestion that a witness had "cooked his books."

Mr. Justice Horridge—Do you mean cooked the books or cooked the figures?

Counsel replied that he meant the figures. He apologised for what he termed his "loose use of words."

HAMBURG TO NANKING.

CHINESE AIRMAN'S PROJECT-ED FLIGHT.

Nanking, Jan. 15.

It is semi-officially reported that the Chinese aviator, Chen Wenlin, who has been studying aviation in Germany for four years, will attempt a flight from Hamburg to Nanking next month, via India.

He will use a British aeroplane.

—Reuter.

"BUCKET SHOP" FRAUDS.

HARD LABOUR FOR COMPANY DIRECTOR.

For converting to his own use large sums of money entrusted to him to buy shares, and the proceeds of shares sent to him to sell, Edward Wilson Donallan, 61, company director, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour at the Old Bailey recently.

Mr. G. B. McClure, prosecuting, said that since 1922 Donallan had been sole director of Graham, Marsh and Company, Ltd., outside brokers, and had been engaged in what was known as "bucket shop" frauds for a number of years. Since 1918 he had been living almost entirely on getting money from the public in doubtful ways.

Graham, Marsh and Co. went into liquidation with liabilities of £51,700 and assets £2,212. In his statement of affairs Donallan admitted misappropriating £7,325 received for shares on behalf of clients, and £6,988 received from clients for the purchase of shares.

Detective-Inspector Kirchner said that in 1907 Donallan was sentenced to 20 months' hard labour for similar frauds. In 1912 he received two years' hard labour and was ordered to pay £70 towards the costs of the prosecution. That was also for "bucket shop" frauds.

Speaks six Languages.

In 1915 he was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for long-term fraud.

Released from prison in October 1927, he started the business of Graham, Marsh and Co. in June of the following year. The business had been insolvent most of the time and had been fraudulent since 1927.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, defending, said the money obtained by Donallan did not go into his own pocket but in trying to keep the business afloat.

The turnover in one year was £122,000. Between 1923 and 1928 he had bought just under £170,000 worth of shares.

Before 1907 he was a business man in Manchester. He spoke six languages.

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FINE RESPONSE TO APPEAL ON MINERS' BEHALF.

London, Jan. 15.

The Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of distress in the coalfields, last night amounted to £500,000.

This, with the pounds for pounds contribution by the State, brings the total available for relief of distress up to £1,000,000.

Contributions are still being received by the Lord Mayor in response to the wireless appeal by the Prince of Wales at Christmas, and it is hoped that the poster campaign undertaken voluntarily by the firms concerned will soon make its effect felt.—British Wire- less.

TRAWLER FOUNDERS.

BRITISH VESSEL LOST IN ARCTIC OCEAN.

Tranmere, Jan. 15.

Three German trawlers which have arrived here report that the British trawler Thomas Hardy foundered in a storm in the Arctic Ocean, and the crew of sixteen perished.—Reuter.

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London, Jan. 15.
A compromise has been reached regarding the proposed publication by the British Broadcasting Corporation of a weekly journal, *The Listener*.

The basis of the agreement on the question of the Corporation's publishing activities is embodied in a memorandum accepted by the Corporation and the leaders of a deputation representing newspapers and printers, which interviewed the Prime Minister on Friday.

The Corporation expressly disclaims any intention of adding to the number of their periodicals, of which there are now three, and with regard to *The Listener* they undertake, by limiting the number of advertisements, not to make a profit.

They are, moreover, ready to recognise a committee representing the publishing and printing interests, and to discuss with it any questions that may arise with regard either to future publishing proposals or existing publications. —*British Wireless.*

P. M. G. Denounced.

A London message of January 4 stated:
The *Daily Express* denounces the Postmaster General for refusing to receive a deputation from newspaper organisations regarding his policy to bring out a British Broadcasting Corporation publication with Government money and officials.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

MR. YADA INTERVIEWS FOREIGN MINISTER.

Shanghai, Jan. 15.
The vernacular papers state that Mr. Yada, called on the Foreign Minister yesterday and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs of Shanghai was present during a forty minutes interview. It is reported that Mr. Yada informed Dr. C. T. Wang that a further 3,000 Japanese soldiers in Shanghai will shortly be withdrawn.

The *Sinchenpo* states that Dr. Wang denied to the Press that the Chinese-Japanese Customs tariff agreement would be signed on January 20, Dr. Wang pointing out that as the Chinese-Japanese commercial treaty had expired, the tariff question, extraterritoriality, etc., would be discussed during the negotiations for a new treaty.

The Foreign Minister added that after February 1 the National Government would increase the Customs duty on goods imported from non-Treaty powers one hundred per cent according to the *Sinwenpao*. —*Router.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
"HATE, HAVE, HOVE, LOVE."

PRESIDENT BOATS.

WHO'S WHO AMONG THE PASSENGERS.

Among the passengers arriving in Hongkong on the President Jefferson (the "Floating University") were two Professors and 53 students on a trip around the world. They are stopping over at Hongkong for a few days, part of which time will be spent in Canton, and then they will proceed to Siam on the President Hayes.

Other passengers aboard were: Mr. Low Chan, a merchant of San Francisco, on a business trip to Hongkong accompanied by his wife; Mr. C. Y. Fung, merchant, en route to Batavia; Mr. J. A. Brent, a well known merchant of Manila, returning to the islands with his family from a trip to the States; Comdr. Hamilton V. Bryan, en route to Manila for duty with the U. S. Asiatic fleet, accompanied by his wife and child; Mr. Felix Kramer, a textile merchant, en route to South Africa, accompanied by his wife and child; Mr. G. L. Magee, resident of Manila, returning to the islands from a visit to the States; Mr. L. J. McKesson, en route to the Philippine Islands to assume the duties of Radio Engineer for the Radio Corp. of the Philippines; Mrs. Claude Riviere, managing a theatrical troupe, will stop at Manila for a series of exhibitions before proceeding on a trip around the world; Lt. J. D. Blanchard, U. S. Marine Corps, en route to Manila; Capt. J. E. Betts, U. S. Marine Corps, en route to Manila; Capt. W. T. Clement, en route to Manila accompanied by his family, where he will take a Navy transport for the United States; Mr. B. L. Cheetham, a merchant from Shanghai on a business trip to Hongkong, and Manila; Mr. Leonard Everett, a ship operator of Shanghai; Lt. J. H. Hudnall, en route to Manila to join a U. S. Transport for the States; Lt. L. Healy, en route to Manila to take a transport to the States; Lt. W. A. Krelser, Marine officer, en route to Manila; Mr. P. A. Meyer, merchant of Manila returning there from a business trip to Shanghai; Lt. L. G. Miller, Marine officer en route to Manila; Mr. John Pardee, stockholder of the Manila Electric Co., en route to Manila from Shanghai; Capt. L. C. Shepherd, U. S. Marine officer from Shanghai, en route to Manila to return to the States via Navy transport, accompanied by his family.

On the McKinley.

Passengers leaving Hongkong on the President McKinley yesterday included: Mr. H. A. Fnn, a former Commissioner of Public Works in Canton, travelling to Nanking, where he will take up an appointment on the Nanking Govt. National Railway Commission; Mrs. J. H. Petrick and family of Mr. Petrick of the Standard Oil Co. in Hongkong, returning to the United States on a holiday trip; Sir Archibald Strong, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. E. Alabaster, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Gilson, missionary workers in India, returning to the United States on furlough; Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler and Ftt. Lt. W. D. Gardiner, attached to the Kai Tak Aerodrome in Hongkong going to Shanghai; Ambassador Billy, French Ambassador to

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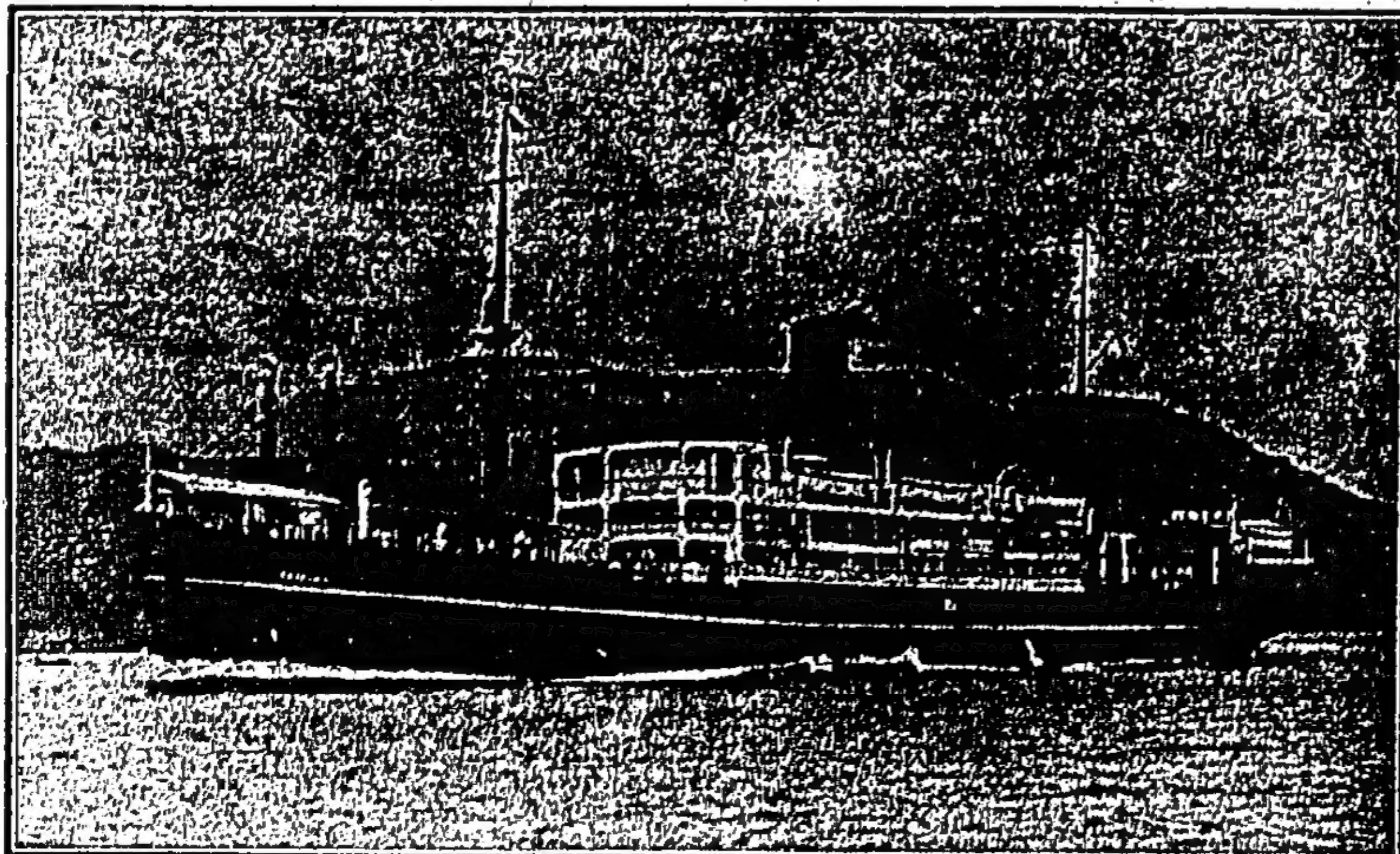
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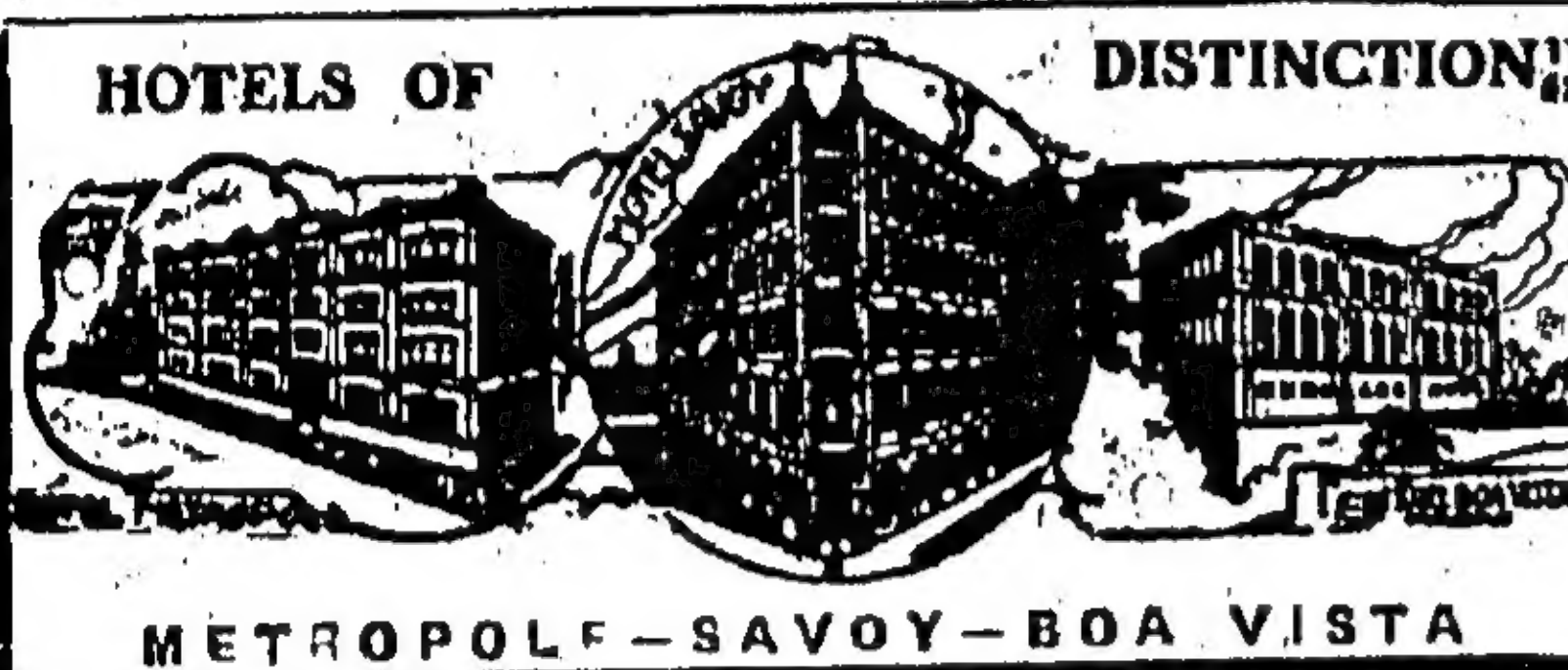
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OSTEND INCIDENT SETTLED.

BRITISH SOCIALISTS GIVEN FREEDOM.

BELGIAN OBJECTION.

London, Jan. 15. The sensational detention of prominent British Socialists at Ostend yesterday, has now been settled satisfactorily, the whole of the party having been allowed to proceed after the authorities had examined their papers.

Well-informed quarters in London now express the opinion that the Belgian authorities order the detention of the Communist, Mr. Saklatvala, Mr. Maxton, and Mr. Reginald Bridgeman, believing that they had the intention of attending some conference in Belgium.

The party which comprises the principal officials of the League of Anti-Imperialism have now left for Cologne where a conference of the League is to be held. The party are strong Left Wing Labourites, if not avowed Communists. The history of Mr. Reginald Bridgeman, C.M.G., M.V.O., was given in the Telegraph yesterday, revealing his former connexion with Mr. Eugene Chen, and the Chinese Information Bureau in London.

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE F.M.S.

MR. JUSTICE WOOD'S NAME MENTIONED.

There are rumours in Kuala Lumpur that Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, of Hongkong, may succeed Sir Henry Gompertz as Chief Justice of the Federated Malay States.

Mr. Justice Woods, who is at present on leave at Home, has been in the Hongkong Government service since 1899, and during that time has held various posts. He was made Puisne Judge in 1925 and has on occasion acted as Chief Justice.

Should he be appointed, he will succeed a former Hongkong Puisne Judge, as Sir Henry Gompertz left here to take up the post some two years ago and has now gone Home on retirement.

ANOTHER POST FOR MR. M. A. COHEN.

A.D.C. TO CANTON MILITARY HEADQUARTERS.

Canton, Jan. 14. Mr. Morris A. Cohen has been officially appointed special A.D.C. to the Military Headquarters here. The appointment is signed by Marshal Li Chai-nun.

This appointment is in addition to his numerous other official duties. Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Cohen has held various appointments under the Canton Government, and he was for a time personal bodyguard to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

GARTON PRIZES FOR CANCER RESEARCH.

BRITISH EMPIRE FOSTERING CAMPAIGN.

London, Jan. 15. The Grand Council of the British Empire Cancer Campaign has authorised the offer of two prizes of £500 each, to be awarded one in 1931 and the other in 1932, for the best original piece of work in the investigation of cancer carried out in the British Empire.

The awards will be known as the Garton Prizes. Reuter.

MARSHAL FOCH.

IMPROVEMENT IS BEING MAINTAINED.

Paris, Jan. 15. Marshal Foch, who is suffering from a heart attack, spent a good night, his condition showing some improvement.

At a late hour this evening, it was officially stated that the improvement in his condition was being maintained. Reuter.

M. CLEMENCEAU ILL.

THE "TIGER" SUFFERING FROM INFLUENZA.

Paris, Jan. 15. M. Georges Clemenceau, the aged French politician, has been taken ill with influenza.

It is not thought to be serious. M. Clemenceau is 87 years of age. Reuter.

TUNNEL UNDER THE CHANNEL.

STRONG DEMAND FOR OFFICIAL ASSENT.

THE CONSIDERATIONS.

London, Jan. 15. It is expected when Parliament reassembles that the Government will make a statement regarding its attitude towards the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel.

Before Parliament adjourned prior to the Christmas holidays, a motion was put down by members of all parties, urging the Government to assent to the project.

It is unlikely that the Government will be able to spare the time for a discussion of the motion, but it is anticipated that a statement by the Government will be made at question time. It is understood views on the subject are being obtained on the one hand from the Committee of Imperial Defence and on the other hand from the Board of Trade and the Ministry of Transport. The two Departments last named are preparing data regarding the cross-channel traffic effect of a tunnel on the railway services and on similar matters.

It is believed, however, that the opinion of the naval and military experts will be found to be still adverse. British Wireless.

MACDONA PLAYERS.

"PYGMALION" AGAIN A BIG SUCCESS.

The Macdonna Players repeated their previous success at the Theatre Royal last night in a faultless presentation of Shaw's much-criticised "Pygmalion." The manner in which the various roles were portrayed gave further proof of the excellence of the Company, and the audience were not slow to register approval.

There should be a capacity "house" for to-night's play, "Getting Married," which is most unusual in its style, and one of the author's most delightful works.

The season has definitely been extended until Saturday next, owing to the shipping connexion, and it is safe to predict that the additional performances will attract large numbers of people who appreciate the high standard of acting of which the Macdonna Players are capable.

SHIP SINKS OFF WAGLAN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Wah and other China Merchants' ships have been carrying to Canton regularly of late.

The vessel carried no wireless and this undoubtedly contributed to the disaster.

Contradictory reports regarding the vessel involved were received this morning, having as their basis, the non-arrival of the s.s. Hydrangea from Swatow, due at six a.m.

Reports of sighting the Hydrangea were received from two ships, but on reference to the Chui On S.S. Company, it was learned that the Hydrangea had not ventured from Swatow owing to the severity of the weather.

Piracy Recalled. It will be recalled that the s.s. Hsin Wah was one of the unfortunate boats to fall into the hands of pirates last year when the haul amounted to some \$20,000 being currency from passengers and jewellery, and \$12,000 worth of silk cargo, while five of the passengers were kidnapped.

A feature of the piracy of this vessel as compared to recent similar outrages was an absence of bloodshed and courteous treatment of the victims.

The ship left Shanghai on Thursday afternoon, April 12, 1928, with 300 deck passengers and 300 tons of cargo. On the following Saturday, evening she was seized by pirates travelling as passengers. A course was set for Samchau Inlet, Bias Bay, which place was reached on the Sunday night.

A diversion was caused by the appearance of an unknown launch, as a result of which the pirates went ashore in one of the ship's boats, taking with them Captain M. P. Jensen, the Chief Officer, Mr. Lees, three of the crew and five passengers. As the launch took no notice of the ship, however, the pirates returned, taking only Mr. Lees back with them.

A second scare was provided by the appearance of the Chinese gunboat Chung Shan, which headed for the ship. The pirates immediately went ashore, and Capt. Jensen, who had rowed back to the Hsin Wah in the meantime signalled the gunboat from which a pursuit party was immediately sent. After an absence of two hours ashore, the party returned and reported failure to gain contact with the pirates.

FANATICAL TURKS' CONSPIRACY.

REVELATIONS EXPECTED AT BIG TRIAL.

THIRTY-TWO ACCUSED.

Constantinople, Jan. 15. Thirty-two of the persons taken into custody on the discovery of the plot against the Government are to take their trial at the Criminal Court on Monday next.

The accused are alleged to be the principal organisers of the conspiracy, which based its appeal to support on opposition to the recent reforms, which they described as "irreligious" and trampling underfoot the sacred traditions of Islam.

The movement had become widespread before the police at Broussa got wind of the plot, and made arrests which were followed by more important captures in Constantinople.

It is now alleged that the plot was initiated by a man who is serving a sentence of penal servitude at Broussa.

A secret organisation had been formed, calling itself "The Revolutionary Committee for the Defence of Islamism."

It proposed to liberate all prisoners, to destroy telegraphs and telephones, to kill the Governor and Military Commander of Broussa, and other leading officials, and to march on Ankara and there to overthrow the Government. Reuter.

DOG-OWNERS IN COURT.

SMALL FINES IMPOSED THIS MORNING.

A number of summonses against dog-owners were heard by Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. Simmons, of Bowen Road Water Works, was summoned for allowing his dog to be abroad in Bowen Road without a muzzle on January 7.

The defendant stated that he did not see the dog in Bowen Road. He usually muzzled it during the day and let it loose at night because it was a watchdog.

His Worship asked Mr. Simmons whether or not he admitted the summons, saying that the evidence would be heard if desired.

Sergeant Wagland stated that he saw the dog in Bowen Road.

Remarking that the dog might have been there, Mr. Simmons said he did not think it necessary to call the evidence.

A fine of \$4 was inflicted.

Similar summonses were heard against Mrs. Parkinson, residing at the Kennedy Road married women's quarters, and Dr. S. F. Li, of Tramway Path.

Fines of \$4 were imposed in each case.

OPIMUM POSSESSION CASES.

SEVERAL BEFORE THE KOWLOON COURT.

A fine of \$320, or three months' hard labour in default, was imposed on a Chinese woman who was convicted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of being in possession of four tael of prepared opium at No. 91, Wung-sung Street.

The defendant was also charged with having one tael of raw opium in her possession. She was further fined \$30 or one month's hard labour.

In another case, a Chinese was fined \$275 for being in unlawful possession of 9.3 tael of raw opium at No. 873, Canton Road.

The defendant was given the alternative of three months' hard labour.

A pedestrian, who was arrested in On Yan Street in possession of 1.3 tael of raw opium, was fined \$39, or one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

"DRIZZLE LATER."

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone continues to increase in intensity. The depression remains to the north-east of Japan. Strong monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast is:—N. E. winds, strong; cloudy, mist or drizzle later.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 20 arrivals and 21 departures of which nine and eight respectively were British, leaving 63 vessels in port, of which 29 were British. Tonnage returns were high and freights were generally better, with British registering a total of nearly 20,000 tons under both headings and the highest returns both in and through, with the top figures of the day.

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